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St. David's Day

On March 3rd the regiment held its annual St. David's Day Dinner at the historic Dobbins Tavern in Gettysburg, PA. Our ranks were swelled with several of the Old Guard & Pensioners Company RWFA including our former commander Lt. Col. Peter Ford and his lovely wife Diane who presented the Regiment Silver with an elegant silver bowl and flowers in memory of the late Grenadier Harold Craig.

We were also honored by the presence of Grenadiers Moriarty, Beasley and Adjutant Bob Gibney and their lovely wives. The regiment received greetings from 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh as well as the United States Marine Corps. The leek ceremony went off in fine form and a great time was had by the forty or so participants. The major would like to thank Sgt. Shane Reilley for his help with the initial arrangements for the dinner. Also thanks to Sgt. Astle for providing the leeks.

Annual Officers' Meeting Report

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 with Major Morgan, Captains Thomson and Pieper and Sergeant Raby in attendance. Major Morgan was confirmed by all officers present as commanding officer of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America. The following items were discussed and the following resolutions made.

1. That Gelston Castle/ Oriskany (Aug. 3, 4) is the primary Regimental event for the 2012 season with attendance by Fergusson's Company assured by Captain Pritchard and as the event falls on or near the epic struggle of MINDEN in which our regiment fought with such reknown, it was decided to have a Minden Day Dinner in the field and to wear roses in our hair for the event. All company commanders are to encourage all members to make the maximum effort possible.
2. That in addition to Gelston Castle, the regiment will support the British Brigade event at Rock Ford Plantation (June 9, 10) as well as hosting an encampment at Washington Crossing, PA (see below)
3. Corporals knots will no longer be worn. They will be replaced en masse with the regiment picking up the replacement cost.
4. Due to our image having been used for a book cover without our permission, it was decided to investigate trade marking our name and image so that we may maintain some control over where we appear and under what circumstances. Captain Thomson and Major Morgan are investigating and will report soon.
5. As many members of the Light Company have effectively left the regiment, Sergeant Stephen Raby has been placed in command of the remainder and recruiting efforts will be focused this year on bringing the Light Company back to a decent strength.
6. As there now appears to be a nucleus of several members in the southern US, there will efforts made this year to set up a core group as a Southern Company and attempt further recruiting efforts.

7. In an effort to streamline our "on hand" supply situation, the Major hereby commands that all regimental supplies will be maintained by Sgt. Major Ron Turfitt. All wools, fabrics, lace, buttons, bearskins, etc shall be collected by each company, inventoried and such as are not immediately required by said company shall be sent to Regimental Stores which will be kept by the Sgt. Major as well as the complete lists provided by each company. This inventory ONLY applies to those items which have been paid for by regimental funds or which have been returned to a company by individuals leaving the regiment.

The objective here is to know where our new recruits can purchase items for less than new value. Please do not include items which have been worn out or which have been superseded by updated uniform requirements.

REGIMENTAL DUES - Since St. David's is past, the regimental dues slider is back to the normal amount of 25.00 plus whatever your company dues are. After April 15th, there will be a 5.00 per head penalty to be 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.

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

Guilford Courthouse was attended by Grenadier Eric Spaar, Fusiliers Beers and Tate and was by all accounts a good time.

2012 SCHEDULE UPDATE

(Please note there are some important changes and additions)

April 14, 15 Battle Road, Lexington, MA We ARE registered there are stringent rules to follow which are available at the web site (<http://www.battleroad.org/>) under "participant information." Ken has some room at his house which is available by contacting him. IF you are planning on going LET HQ KNOW so we can add your name to list of participants!

April 21, 22 Battersea House, Petersburg, VA Let me know if there is interest in this and I will register the RWFA

*****May 19, 20 Washington Crossing, PA** Not a regimental event, but we are co hosting it with the 5th PA Regiment and it would be great to have as many there as possible. There was a good deal of interest expressed at BB/CL annual meeting last week and we are expecting a good turnout. There will be four engagements, a dance with a caller and jollification Sat. night with the Major and friends providing music. Sunday will see a Memorial Service at the graves of the unknown Continental Army soldiers in America's first military cemetery. This should be a fun time with a rather interesting battle scenario and possibly a tactical as well. Crown Forces thus far include Jaegers and the New Jersey Volunteers. Five or six American groups have signed up as well as six sutlers.

*****June 9,10 Rock Ford Plantation, Lancaster, PA** (BB/CL) Centrally located, this will be a good site for units from both North and South and participation is expected to be high. This is one of the two "national" events designated by both the British Brigade and Continental Line. Sponsors are the 4th Continental Light Dragoons and the 64th Regiment of Foot. A Tavern and dance are scheduled in the barn for Saturday night and this should be a barn burner (groans... seriously I'm here all week)

July 14, 15 British Brigade Market Days and Cricket Tournament, Johnson Hall, NY I think this might be fun and I am willing to lead a 23rd team onto the field. Anyone interested call me: 215 262-6013

*****August 3,4 Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle - Warren, NY (BB/CL)**

This site is incredible and the sponsors include many local groups including the local brewery. Our California friends will be flying in for this and it should be an incredible experience. There will be four battles and two of them (one Saturday, one Sunday) will recreate the actual Battle of Oriskany so there will be some special guidelines. Since that Battle did not include Regular Troops from either the British or

American Armies, participating units will be clothed as militia. In addition to our early war uniforms which we will need for two of the battles, I am asking any who wish to participate in the Oriskany scenarios to bring appropriate Loyalist militia items such as tricorns, hunting shirts, stocking caps, etc. Those who do not have such items may participate in their RWF small clothes, but for once we are being asked to be non uniform in our appearance so the more variety, the better. So for this battle we will need :

1. Your full EARLY war kit.
2. Some variation or other (no red coats) whereby we can be militia

I am working on dinner arrangements for Minden Day dinner. We will also be wearing roses in our hats when we are in redcoats.

Sept. 15, 16 Fort #4 Charlestown, NH An urgent plea went out at the BB meeting for attendees to this event which has been designated by the CL as their Northern event of the year. It's a fine site with an actual log fort from which to fight.

Oct. 6 Battle of Germantown, Germantown, PA

Oct.26,27 Mt. Harmon Plantation Tactical Weekend Earleville, MD This site is being put forth for an immersion weekend with a full tactical being planned. They are asking for a 10.00/man donation to help cover the expenses. If we have enough interest to make this an event (10 or more RWFA) I will consider using money from the treasury to cover our participation.

Nov.3,4 Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA

Dec. 1,2 British Night Watch, St. Augustine, FL

PLEASE NOTE! We are one of the host units at Washington Crossing on May 19, 20 so we would like everyone who can to show up!