



THE BLURB

The Official Newsletter of the Grenadier Company
Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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Commander's Column. I hope all of you have taken the time to send in your Regimental and Company dues to Dave Wilkens and your check for the Saint David's Day Dinner to Rob Price. If not, what are you waiting for? It's almost March, and the campaigning season will be on us before you know it. Speaking of knowing things, do you know where your uniform and equipment are and what their condition is? Things have a habit of migrating around in my basement, so if you're like me, now would be a good time to check on your uniform and equipment to make sure that you know where they are and that everything is in good condition.

The Fusilier. The Fusilier is the official Regimental newsletter, which lets you know which events you have been authorized to attend as a member of the Regiment. Are you receiving your copy of The Fusilier? If you paid your dues for last year, you certainly should be. So, if, for some reason, you did not receive The Fusilier earlier this year, let me know so I can get that corrected. Of course, after March 1st, you're going to need to have paid your dues to continue to receive it.

Saint David's Day. As noted in The Fusilier, the Regimental Saint David's Day Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012, in Gettysburg, PA, at the Dobbins Tavern. I hope all of you will take this opportunity to attend this very important Regimental celebration. The cost of the dinner is \$35.00 per person, which amount should be sent in a check made payable to "RWFA" to Rob Price, 79 Everett Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107. The entrée choices are Baked Chicken Hunter Style, Broiled Filet of Salmon, and Prime Rib of Beef. All of the details are in The Fusilier, so take a look there for additional information. Many thanks to Serjeant Shane Reilly in getting the dinner set up with the Dobbins Tavern. See you in Gettysburg on March 3rd!

Company Dues. Company dues this year are \$5.00. Please include them with your check covering Regimental dues for 2012, which are covered in the next paragraph.

Regimental Dues. As everyone should be aware from reading The Fusilier, there has been a slight change in how to pay your Regimental dues for 2012. Regimental dues are \$20 if paid before March 1st. If you pay after March 1st but before April 15th, you will have to pay \$25, which is the normal annual amount. And, Regimental dues paid after April 15th will be \$30. BAR dues are still \$25. Please send your checks now - do not wait until the end of February to get out your checkbook. You run the very real risk that your dues will get in late and you will owe the

Regiment another \$5. So, get out that checkbook, find a pen, and write a check now for \$25.00. That covers your Regimental and Company dues. Get an envelope and address it to our Company Clerk, **David Wilkins, 6605 Sutton Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070**. Put a stamp on it (remember, postal rates have gone up, so a first class stamp costs 45 cents) and put it in the closest mailbox. You're done. What could be easier? But don't put it off – March 1st will be here before you know it. Envelopes post-marked after March 1st will be late and you will have to pay the difference.

Upcoming Regimental Schedule for 2012. Please consult the most recent edition of The Fusilier for our current, official schedule. Right now, here are some of the events on tap for 2012:

March 3, 2012 – Saint David's Day Dinner, Dobbins Tavern, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.
March 17-18, 2012 – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, North Carolina.
April 14-15, 2012 – Battle Road, held at Minuteman National Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts.
May 18-20, 2012 – Washington's Crossing, Pennsylvania (Tactical Event?).
June 2-3, 2012 – Brigade Academy, Dill's Tavern, Dillsburg Pennsylvania.
June 9-10, 2012 – Rock Ford Plantation, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
June 16-17, 2012 – Battle of Monmouth, Freehold, New Jersey.
August 3-5, 2012 – Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle, Warren, New York. Sponsored by the BB/CL.
August 25-26, 2012 – Battle of Newtown - War Games, Elmira, New York.
September 15-16, 2012 – Fort at No.4, Charlestown, New Hampshire.
Oct 6, 2012 – Chew House, Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Event Report, Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, VA. Due to an unexpected confluence of scheduling conflicts, an insufficient number of the Regiment would have been able to attend this year's event at Fort Ward Park so I contacted the organizers and advised them that we would not be attending this year but to keep us in mind for next year's event.

New Recruits. We have two new recruits in the Grenadier Company. One is a former member, George Ryder, 147 W. Pettebone Street, Forty Fort, PA 18704, while the other is Robert Griesman, 602 S. Gertrude, Burlington, Iowa 52601. Hopefully, Robert will be able to come visit us in the East to participate in some of our events in the near future, but, in the meantime, Captain Pieper has assured me that he will do everything he can to assist us in ensuring Robert is appropriately kitted out. A hearty welcome to you both!!!

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Paul and Shane

Ye Notice of Dues for 2012

OK, I've said all this before in the main body of The Blurb, but it bears repeating. Dues have changed for 2012. As previously noted in The Fusilier, Regimental dues are \$20 if you pay them before March 1, 2012. That's a discounted rate! After March 1st, they go up in \$5.00 increments. So, if you don't want to be paying more than you need to pay, send in your dues immediately. This year, again, we are asking that you pay \$5.00 for Grenadier Company dues in addition to the \$20.00 for Regimental dues – we're not going to make you pay more in company dues if you're late, but you still need to send in your dues as soon as you can. Because we will need to deduct your company dues from the Regimental dues, please send your checks for \$25.00 made payable to "RWFA" straight to our company clerk, L/Corp. David Wilkins, **6605 Sutton Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070**. If you wish to join the Brigade of the American Revolution, please add \$25.00 more for a total of \$50.00. Send your check or money order, along with the payment stub below, in a U.S. Postal Service to Dave. Since this is being sent out by email, you'll have to print this out on your own and supply your own envelope. Please get this in the mail to Dave well before March 1st, Saint David's Day, so we can make sure you continue to receive The Fusilier and The Blurb, as well as participate in some great events.

Memo to Self:

Payment of \$25.00 for Regimental and Grenadier Company dues for 2012 mailed on _____ by check/money order no. _____



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PAYMENT STUB – GRENADIER COMPANY DUES FOR 2012

Dear Dave:

- Yes, I want to continue as a member of the Grenadier Company of the 23rd Regiment of Foot, the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America, and have enclosed my check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to "RWFA."
- I also want the benefits of membership in the B.A.R., so I have added an additional \$25.00 for a total of \$50.00.

(please print your name above)

