



THE BLURB

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

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Happy New Year!!! I hope each and every one of you had a very enjoyable and merry Christmas and that you were able to enjoy this special time of the year with your family and friends. I also wish all of you and your families a most healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year and hope to see you in the field this year.

Commander's Column. Welcome to the latest version of The Blurb, which I am sending to all of you to re-establish contact after an unexpectedly lengthy hiatus last year. 2011 was a bust in many ways, and I apologize for my failure to get this newsletter out sooner. Hopefully, 2012 will be a better year for everyone, which is why I am trying to start out anew.

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 please let me know if, for some reason, you are not receiving your copy and I will make sure to get that corrected.

Saint David's Day. As noted in the January Fusilier, the Regimental Saint David's Day Dinner will be held on 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 (in closer proximity to many of us than is usual). The cost of the dinner is \$35.00 per person (not sure if there is a reduced rate for our younger members, but I'll check to see), 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. 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.

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:

- February 19, 2012 - Fort Ward Park, Alexandria, Virginia. More details to follow soon!
- 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.

Serjeant's Journal. Gentlemen, I hope you enjoyed the holidays with your friend and families. As we prepare to take the field for the 2012 campaign season please start to think about the following things:

1. Where do we want our organization to be in the next 5, 10 or 15 years? It sounds ridiculous thinking that far out, but time moves quickly and without a plan how can we grow and develop the Company and our Regiment?
2. What contributions can I make, both on and off season? Everyone in our organization has a specific skill set and we need to find a way to use that skill set to benefit our group.
3. How can we improve our internal operations? What needs to be improved? How do we improve it?

Please keep these ground rules in mind as you develop you responses:

1. This is not a forum or a free for all on personal attacks. Please refrain from personal attacks and/or subversive comments.
2. If you identify something as a problem, have the courtesy of providing a practical/reasonable solution to the issue.
3. Any responses will be kept strictly confidential.

Thank you for taking the time to think about ways to help improve the Grenadier Company and ensure its longevity.

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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. 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)