



The Fusilier

The Official Newsletter of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

May 2015

Commander's Column

Gentlemen,

Last weekend the “Summer Soldiers and Sunshine Patriots” of the 23rd made our first event appearance at the plantation of Mr. Washington near Alexandria, VA. The initial reports I received from Serjeant Raby were very good, who recommended we attempt to push for greater attendance next year. Prior to the event, I was contacted by Colonel Nick Lock, Assistant British Attache at the Embassy in Washington (formerly of the Royal Welsh). He said he was interested in checking us out and possibly participating in an event. He attended the Mount Vernon event and spoke with Steve pretty extensively. The next step is to get him kitted out sometime this season. I'll work with him on schedules so that we can make that happen. This is a huge step in attempting to strengthen the camaraderie between the Royal Welsh and RWFIA.

In the event schedule section, Corporal Greg Urwin did an excellent write up for the Army Heritage Days event in Carlisle next weekend. This is the type of initiative that will help make our organization stronger through giving everyone a chance to help. It improves our products and gives our membership pride and a vested interest in the growth and advancement of the RWFIA. I also added a brief synopsis of *The Men Who Lost America* by Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy, which you should put on your reading list if you haven't already. I added the 35 count Manual Exercise for your review prior to events. Make sure you incorporate that in your pre-event preparations along with weapons maintenance, rolling cartridges, brass and gaiter polishing, belt whitening and cap and wig brushing.

I. Administrative

Dues (REMINDER)

Ensure that you send your dues is ASAP so that you can participate this season. Grenadiers and Lights, send your dues payments into Serjeant Astle of the Colonel's Company

Website Update: Private Mike Miller continues to do yeoman's work on the redesign of the website. Mike set up a redesigned page, which is currently being reviewed by the COs and other key Regimental leaders. The next phase is to consolidate the changes, incorporate them and then we should be ready to go live. Mike is another outstanding example of someone using his personal time and skills to help revitalize and improve a critical tool for recruiting and letting a global audience know what we do.

Thanks again for your help and support Mike!

II. Operations:

Colour Event: Fort Ticonderoga, 12-13 Sept 15

This will be our main effort this year. A large brigade event combined with a scenic area and the largest 18th Century fortress in North America should make this one of the better events this season. The scenario is based on the raid of Colonel John Brown and the Massachusetts militia against the Crown Forces garrison in September of 1777. The change of command ceremony will also be conducted this weekend.

Secondary Events:

16-17 May (GLICC): Army Heritage Days, Carlisle, PA (page 8-9)

30-31 May (NE Coy): Battle of Bunker Hill (BB event), Epping, NH (page 10)

20-21 June (GLICC): Battle of Monmouth, Freehold, NJ (page 11)

4-5 July: (Calif Coy): Freedom Festival, Orem, UT

11-12 July (Midwest Coy): Fort Laurens Event, Bolivar, OH

25 July (CLICC): Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry, CT

1-2 August (GLICC/NE Coy): Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA: Nine paid hotels rooms available for musketmen. First come, first serve!

3 October (GLICC): Battle of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA

18 October (GLICC): Fort Mercer, Red Bank, NJ

7-8 November (GLICC): Hope Lodge Encampment, Fort Washington, PA

22 November (GLICC): Retreat Day, New Bridge Landing Park, Rivers Edge, NJ

For those of the GLICC in the New York City area, Justin Parker is working on setting up an event at Old Bethpage Village. Once we firm up dates with the site, more info will be sent out.

III. Quartermaster

a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses

- i. Carl Johnson
3508 Mill Stream Place
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone: (704) 957-9108
Email: carlivar@yahoo.com

- ii. Heather Chaffee
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: Heath51937@aol.com

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Reading Suggestion:

- a. *The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution and the Fate of an Empire*
 - i. Author: Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy
 - ii. Publisher: Yale University Press (2013)
 - iii. Description: *In The Men Who Lost America*, Dr. O'Shaughnessy takes the American War of Independence and frames it in a global context. To do this, each chapter is a biography on key leaders during the war, both civilian (Lord North, George Germain, John Montague, etc.) and military (the Howe Brothers, John Burgoyne, Henry Clinton, etc.). He intertwines the personalities and actions of these men in their individual and collective efforts to suppress an overseas rebellion while fighting a global war from North America to Gibraltar to India and various locations in between. The book is very well written and does an excellent job of describing the challenges that British military and civilian leaders faced in attempting to achieve King George III's desired end state while fighting off Bourbon aggression around the world.

B. 1764 Manual Exercise (as taken from Grenadier Coy NCO Manual)

1. Poise your Firelocks
2. Cock your Firelocks
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 Rammer
13. Shoulder your Firelocks
14. Rest your Firelock
15. Order your Firelock
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 Bayonet
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

His Majesty's
23rd Regiment of Foot
Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

Reenlistment for the Conflict in America

One of His Majesty's most distinguished Regiments is offering you the opportunity to obtain honour and glory known only to the 23rd through noble service in the present conflict. The term of this contract is for one year and encompasses supporting Army and Regimental operations throughout the troublesome 13 Colonies.

Each Fusilier is expected to help fund the Regimental treasury through the payment of Regimental dues of **\$20.00**; which does not include Company Fees. An addition fee of \$25.00 is required for membership in the Brigade of the American Revolution.

Company Commanders will consolidate their Company's funds and send the requisite amount to the Regimental Adjutant **no later than 15 March**. Make the check payable to: "Royal Welch Fusiliers in America". His post is:

Lieut. David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934

Failure to pay Regimental dues will result in being dropped from the Regimental muster rolls and prohibition from Regimental activities.

Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: _____

Company: _____

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

Company Dues: _____

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Army Heritage Days (16-17 May)

Army Heritage Days is a two-day living history offering many different demonstrations and activities. Hundreds of living history interpreters will occupy the Army Heritage Trail and recreate historical military moments throughout history. The event will include

soldiers from as far back as the French and Indian War continuing through Current Operations.

Army Heritage Days is hosted by the U.S. Army History and Education Center (AHEC) in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Since the Royal Welch Fusiliers last participated in Army Heritage Days, AHEC has opened a large museum wing filled with state-of-the-art exhibits tracing the history of the U.S. Army. The Army Heritage Trail is the closest thing you can find to a military history theme park, featuring accurate reconstructions of American military installations from the 1750s to the present day (<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/trail/aht.cfm>). You can learn a lot just by walking the trail. With reenactors interpreting various periods of Army history on hand, you can be sure of having a lot of fun, too.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers in America will garrison the Army Heritage Trail's reconstructed Redoubt No. 10, which guarded the British left at Yorktown in September and October 1781. This assignment will give a gold opportunity to engage in living history, interacting with the public and potential recruits. There is room beside the redoubt to pitch our wedge tents.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, 16 May 2015

- 0830 Parking lot opens to the public, Army Heritage and Education Center
- 0900 Program opens to the public, Army Heritage and Education Center
- 0900 WWII Airborne/Paratroopers Display opens, Living History Encampment
- 0930 Understanding Trench Warfare, World War I Trench
- 1000 All Veterans Parachute Team Jump, Living History Encampment
- 1100 Civil War Artillery Demonstration, Traditions Field
- 1145 West Point Alumni Glee Club, Multi-Purpose Rooms
- 1300 Treasures Exhibit Opening, Ridgway Hall
- 1400 "Ace Eddie Rickenbacker and the Hat-in-the-Ring Squadron." Author/historian John Ross, Multi-Purpose Rooms
- 1500 Meet and Greet our Army Veterans, Multi-Purpose Rooms
- 1600 Weapons of WWII PA
- 1700 Program closes

Sunday, 17 May 2015

- 0830 Parking lot opens to the public, Army Heritage and Education Center
- 0900 Program opens to the public, Army Heritage and Education Center
- 0900 Airborne Program "Preparing to Jump," Living History Encampment
- 1030 Confederate Cavalry Demonstration, Traditions Field
- 1130 Gun Trucks of Vietnam, Living History Encampment
- 1300 "The Hidden History of America at War" Author/historian Kenneth C. Davis, Multi-Purpose Rooms
- 1400 German Aircraft of WWI, Living History Encampment

- 1500 Army Baseball in the 19th century with the Keystone Base Ball Club of Harrisburg vs USAWC Team, Traditions Field
- 1700 Program closes

Army Heritage Days offers RWFIA personnel the opportunity to shake off the winter rust and polish their drill for the coming campaign season. Since the Regiment has not attended Army Heritage Days for several years, it also represents an opportunity for intensive recruiting in the central Pennsylvania area. We will be testing the success of the mass media in reviving interest in the American Revolution with such television series as *Turn* and *Sons of Liberty*. There will also be plenty of free time for fusiliers to visit AHEC, the various stops on the Army Heritage Trail, and several of the special events scheduled for this weekend.

The Regiment's indefatigable recruiter, Fusilier Dennis Murphy, has volunteered to cook for the troops in attendance. The daily fare will be simple but filling (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.). Please bring \$20 per man to reimburse Dennis for his outlay in providing our rations.

If you plan to attend, please inform Corporal Gregory J. W. Urwin, Colonel's Company (gregoryurwin@comcast.net) by May 9 so he can provide Fusilier Murphy with a head count for rations.

We will be commanded by Major Shane Reilly (grenadier23rd@yahoo.com), and this is our chance to show our support for our new Regimental commander in front of his comrades in the U.S. Army community. The uniform of the day will be our 1775 Garrison Impression with bearskin cap, breeches, long gaiters, and wraps.

You can download your parking pass at the following link: http://villagerestorations.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Parking_Passes_REENACTOR.119111916.pdf. For more information on AHEC and its facilities, see: <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/newsarticle.cfm?id=279>.

Directions:

The above web site will lay out your route using Google Maps after you enter your address. If you wish to use some other route planner, here is AHEC's address:

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
 950 Soldiers Drive
 Carlisle, PA 17013-5021

Epping New Hampshire (30-31 May)

Website: <http://www.battleroad.org/Bunker%20Hill.html>

RWFIA POC: Ken Siegel (rangerken98@earthlink.net)

Schedule of Events:

Saturday:

--Traditional Battle of Breed's Hill Scenario, British artillery bombardment of "Charlestown", attacks on rail fence and redoubts.

Sunday:

--British occupation of Bunker's Hill , skirmishing and attempts to retake British positions, open tactical demonstrations.

--See Facebook "Battle of Bunker Hill - 240th Anniversary"

Registration website will be up

Directions/Transportation:

Parking:

--Main parking for public and participants will be in two large and flat fields on the same side of the road as the camps, with easy access.

Alternate parking areas will be available in case of heavy rain.

--Access to the venue:

Though in a country setting, the event site is just three miles north of the Rt. 101 & Rt 125 intersection at Epping, NH where there are many modern stores, restaurants, and conveniences.

--The intersection (exit 7 on Rt. 101) is just 20 minutes from I-95.

--The area is one hour north of Boston, 4 hours east of Albany, NY, and 40 minutes west of Portsmouth, NH.

--The camp and parking areas are easily accessed from Nottingham Square Rd., and old residential road which runs north from the town.

--For the event a number of sandwich board signs will be placed along the route to help promote the event and guide visitors.

Event site located at:

105 Nottingham Square Rd., Epping, NH 03042

Battle of Monmouth (27-28 June)

Website: <http://friendsofmonmouth.org/schedule15.html>

RWFIA POC: Shane Reilly (grenadier23rd@yahoo.com)

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 27

9:00AM Camps open to public
10:00AM Company and battalion drill
11:00AM Artillery drill
11:00AM Wreath laying in honor of the fallen
(at flagpole)
11:30AM Horse drill (Amphitheater on hillside)
12:00 noon Children's wooden musket drill
1:00PM "Over Here, Molly Pitcher" program
(Auditorium)
1:15PM British army formation and march
1:30PM Continental army formation and march
2:30-3:30PM Battle reenactment
4:30PM Retreat. Camps close to public

Sunday, June 28

9:00AM Camps open to public
10:30AM Horse drill
11:30AM Artillery drill
12:00 noon Children's wooden musket drill
12:15PM Continental army formation and march
12:30PM British army formation and march
12:30PM "Over Here, Molly Pitcher" program
(Auditorium)
1:30-2:30PM Battle reenactment
3:00PM Camps close, reenactors depart

Directions/Transportation:

Located approximately 12 miles east of Exit 8 of the New Jersey Turnpike on business Route 33. From the Garden State Parkway, take exit 123 to Route 9 south for 15 miles to business Route 33 west. The Park is located 1.5 miles on the right. From the southeast, take Bypass NJ Route 33 west to the Wemrock Road exit. Turn right .4 mile to business Route 33, then left .25 mile to the park entrance.

The Park's mailing address is:
Monmouth Battlefield State Park
347 Freehold-Englishtown Road
Manalapan, NJ 0772