



The Fusilier

The Official Newsletter of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

July 2015

Commander's Column

Fusiliers,

The “summer soldiers ” of the 23rd are busy and nearing the midway point in campaign season. This weekend, the Fusiliers in Capt. Ferguson’s Company under Capt. Mack are campaigning in Orem, Utah and the Capt. Pieper will lead Capt. Grey Grove’s Company next weekend at Fort Laurens.

Last month, RSM Raby, Cpl Urwin and I attend the annual event at Monmouth. The battle time was moved up on Saturday due to anticipated storms and our detachment was brigaded with the Grenadiers from the 35th Regiment of Foot. We managed to hold our section of the British line, which eventually crumbled under the weight of the great numbers of rebels in attendance. After speaking with other officers of the British Brigade, who advocated departing after Saturday’s battle, I made the decision to release our complement early since only a “light skirmish” was planned for Sunday.

Moving forward, there are upcoming events that require our support:

1-2 August: Old Sturbridge Village, MA—Major Richard Ford is leading the 23rd in this one and Major Siegel has generously reserved and paid hotel rooms for musketmen!! Take full advantage of these opportunities: serving with Dick Ford on the battlefield and having a paid hotel room available. If you are interested in attending, e-mail your CO/SJT and put Ken (rangerken98@earthlink.net) on the cc line. There are only a limited number of rooms, so act quickly!!

15-16 August: Daniel Boone Homestead, Birdsboro, PA— This is a British Brigade sponsored event featuring three battles (skirmish on Saturday morning, larger battle in the afternoon; battle on Sunday) and a pig roast on Saturday night. The 42nd Grenadiers and 43rd are among the Crown Forces units registered for this one. It is a beautiful sight and is less than two hours west of Philadelphia. As Serjeant Paul Astle mentioned this would be a great opportunity to shake the rust off and practice before the Colour Event at Fort Ticonderoga in September. I hope to see you in Birdsboro!

Hope to see you all at some point this year and thank you for your service.

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Major Shane Reilly

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

II. Operations:

- A. **Regimental Conference Call:** On 13 July, the RWFIA is having its third Command and Staff teleconference of the year. Although I am in the process of developing an agenda, the focus will be on: planning for the Fort Ticonderoga event; Company personnel and finance status and looking ahead to next year. If there is an issue you would like to raise, please advise your CO or SJT so that it is addressed at the meeting.
- B. **Website Update:** Mike Miller is in the final stages up creating a new website for the RWFIA and the plan is to debut it on August 1st. Thanks to Mike and everyone else, who helped in this redevelopment process!
- C. **Events:**

Colour Event: Fort Ticonderoga, 12-13 Sept 15

Secondary Events:

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: Paid hotels rooms available for musketmen. First come, first serve!

14-16 August (GLICC): Boone's Homestead, Birdsboro (near Reading), PA

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

10 October--Tentative (GLICC): Old Bethpage Village, Old Bethpage (Long Island, NY)—Justin Parker is setting up this event and is in the process of finalizing the details—more to follow in the upcoming months

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.

2016 Events:

24-28 February (ALL) St Kitts:

11-13 March: (Capt. Horsefall's Company)—Battle of Guilford Courthouse

III. Quartermaster

a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses

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A. 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: _____