



# *The Fusilier*

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*The Official Newsletter of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America*

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*March-April 2016*

Friends and Fellow Fusiliers,

I apologize for the delay in sending this out. Hopefully you are sewing tears, polishing brass, brushing bearskin and rolling cartridges in anticipation of the upcoming campaign season, which is only a few weeks away!

Sadly, I have to start this edition off on a somber note. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the RWFIA lost Private Jim Coffey following his long battle with liver cancer. You would be hard pressed to find a nicer guy, always smiling, always laughing. Jim was a great guy to have in camp or on the field and his presence will be sorely missed. I feel privileged to have known and served with him. His spirit will always be with us. Please remember him and the Coffey family in your prayers.

The month of March was a pretty busy one. A group of us celebrated St. David's Day at a restored, authentic (i.e. no electricity or HVAC) 18<sup>th</sup> Century tavern near Carlisle. Thanks to Lt. Col. Malcom MacWilliam of the Grenadier Coy, 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot, who allowed us to stay overnight. We also had a very special guest of honor, Colonel Nick Lock, formerly of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and currently assigned to the staff of the Military Attaché at the British Embassy in Washington, DC. It was a great time. All of the participants ate a leek. It's great to see that peer pressure is alive and well, even in the ranks of the RWFIA. On Sunday morning, L/SJT (Dr.) Greg Urwin took the group on a tour of the first day's fight at Gettysburg. Kitted out as a Major in the 147<sup>th</sup> New York, Greg took us through McPherson's Ridge, Herbst's Woods, the Railroad Cut and Oak Hill. It was a great way to cap off a fun weekend! Thanks for all those who were able to attend.

Further to the south, GV Eric Spaar led the RWFIA contingent at Guilford Courthouse. During the event, a monument was dedicated to the British troops who fell in the battle. COL Lock officiated at the ceremony and Eric led the 23rd's Honour Guard. Special thanks to Jay Callahan (RWFIA alum) who helped coordinate the efforts to have the monument erected.

One of the initiatives I am working on is trying to strengthen the bond between the Royal Welsh Regiment and the RWFIA. To that end, COL Lock placed me in contact with the Regimental Secretary for the RWR, who is sending me a copy of their Regimental Journal. I will rotate the copy to all of the Company Commanders.

Erik Goldstein event provided direct support to the Regimental Museum! A gentlemen purchased a Brown Bess with regimental "markings" on the escutcheon plate and contacted the museum in Wales to verify its authenticity. The curator sent an e-mail out to the trustees, including COL Lock. Knowing Erik's background, COL Lock sent the info along with pictures. Erik confirmed that this was a collector's model created for the Bicentennial. Thanks to Erik for his assistance and helping to strengthen the bond across the Atlantic.

I received a note from RSM Astle that only twelve members (including me) from the GLICC paid their dues! We want to see all of you on the field, but you have to "pay to play". Please send your dues in ASAP to ensure that you are covered.

I hope to see you all at some point and look forward to serving with you in the field. Ich Dien!

I am, Your Humble and Most Obedient Servant,

*Major S.P. Reilly*

HM 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers in  
America

## **I. Administrative**

- a. Dues: Yes, it's that time of year again. Please use the form at the end of the Fusilier and get your dues sent in to your company commander or a designated representative. GLICC, please send your dues into RSM Paul Astle. Need to pay to play!

## **II. Operations**

- a. 2016 Schedule of Events:

- i. April 30- May 1: Mount Vernon, VA: Located just outside of Washington DC, this event features tactical demonstrations and an encampment.

Private (Keith) Spaar generously offered to bring his mobile field kitchen and dining fly to feed the troops. There will be a small cash donation (TBD) to cover the costs of the food.

Uniform: 1768 (early war) Kit

- ii. April 30 (Tentative): Justin Parker is in the process of coordinating an event on Long Island. I am waiting for him to finalize the date and I will send a confirmation out when I hear back from him.

Uniform: 1768 (early war) Kit

- iii. 21-22 May: Carlisle, PA: This is a paid timeline living history event. It a fun, low-key event with large crowds...perfect for recruiting!

Uniform: Late War Kit

- iv. July 9-10: Hubbardton, VT: For all of our members in the New England/New York region this is one event to definitely consider. Sponsored by our comrades in the 24<sup>th</sup>, this should prove to be a good event at a nice site.

- v. September 17-18: Monmouth Courthouse—This will be The Colour Event for the 2016 season and is not your normal Monmouth event. This event is based on the Battle of Brooklyn in August, 1776. It's a great site within reasonable commuting distance of the site for many of our members.

- vi. October 1: Germantown (Philadelphia), PA—Fast, furious and firing out of the house is a brief synopsis of the fun of Germantown. An annual event that provides great exposure in the Philadelphia area is definitely not one to miss.

- vii. November 5-6: Hope Lodge, PA—Hope Lodge is a nice way to wind down the season. Laid back atmosphere and a couple of battles provide great opportunities to close out the season.

### III. Quartermaster

**Ordering Procedures:** I received the Regimental Stores from Ron Turfitt. If you need to order anything, please make a check payable to the “Royal Welch Fusiliers in America” and mail it along with your order sheet to:

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

Once David receives your check, he will contact me regarding the order and I will mail it out. Recruits, if you have any questions regarding the uniform or purchasing items, please consult with your Company leadership.

Be advised that we are currently out of wool for Other Ranks coats and cap cords. We are in the process of ordering more wool and are looking for a new manufacturer for cap cords.

a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses

- i. Carl Johnson  
3508 Mill Stream Place  
Greensboro, NC 27410  
Phone: (704) 957-9108  
Email: [carlivar@yahoo.com](mailto:carlivar@yahoo.com)
- ii. Heather Chaffee  
15010 Victory Blvd. #102  
Van Nuys, Ca 91411  
Phone: (201) 450-6153  
Email: [Heath51937@aol.com](mailto:Heath51937@aol.com)
- iii. Ben Beers  
1195 Rogers Road  
Mount Airy, NC 27030  
Email: [mbeers@surry.net](mailto:mbeers@surry.net)
- iv. Steven Gardner  
162 Puddin Lane  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250  
Phone: (860) 9428483  
Email: [flaming54th@att.net](mailto:flaming54th@att.net)

*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  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

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Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_