



The Flash

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June/July 2016

The Queen's Birthday

The afternoon of June 11 saw the RWFIA providing a colour guard at a ceremony observing the birthday of our Colonel in Chief run by what seemed to be a large number of former British officers, a few serving officers from diplomatic postings and Anglophiles at the Valley Forge Military Academy. (Side note the Valley Forge Military Academy is nowhere near Valley Forge. Go figure.)

Myself, Mr. Raby, I/Sgt Urwin and fusilier Crawford under the command of Major Reilly all looked well turned out with brass polished and belts nicely whitened. Our duties were pretty much limited to looking impressive as the people entered the church, then forming a colour guard around the colours, escorting them down the aisle to the national anthems played on the pipe organ, surrendering our muskets to the vicar who placed them on the altar, then sitting through the service until reclaiming our weapons and marching back out of the church. In all it took less than two hours from forming up in the car park to going home.

David Leslie Hughes was also there but as one of the coordinators so he was not a part of the guard or carrying gear though he was noticeable moving among the crowd in small clothes, bearskin and regimental. I would hope that bearskin will see the proper application of a brush before it sees ME again!

Battle of Hubbardton

The weekend of 9-10 July will see the Battle of Hubbardton, Vermont. This will be a two day event, representing part of Burgoyne's invasion of the northern

colonies. Bring at least two full boxes of ammo.

They are researching this carefully and want groups to dress as research shows the troops were turned out at the time. Grenadiers and fusiliers in bearskins but with gaitered trousers in place of breeches and gaiters. So this will be the very comfortable leggings of the late war uniform and the very eye catching bearskins of the early war.

The battle was fought when General Fraser led the British pursuit of the colonial forces retreating from Ticonderoga.

The major and I have discussed this. IF you want to do this but do not have the gaitered trousers you can turn out in breeches and gaiters. We're allowing that in the travel south not everyone was one board. One thing you must have though, if you want to be in on this, are paid up dues-see below.

To get to the site from NYC take the Hutchinson river parkway north to **684 north**. Follow this about 28 miles to exit 9W onto **I-84 W** toward Newburg. After 15 miles merge onto the Taconic state parkway N at exit 16N . follow this for about 68 miles and merge onto **I-90 W**. After about 22 miles merge onto **I-787 N** at exit **6A** toward Troy. Follow this **to I-87 N** toward Saratoga springs/glens Falls for about 44 miles. Take exit 20 towards **NY-149/Fort Ann/White Hall**. Turn left onto US 9 then right onto NY149 follow this 11 miles turn left onto **George St/US 4E** (cross into Vermont) follow it for about 14 miles, to exit 5 toward **VT4A/castleton**. Almost at one turn left onto **E Hubbarton Rd**. after about 5 miles it becomes monument hill rd. stay on that another mile or so.

Old Sturbridge Villiage

6-7 August Will see us back at Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Ma. One of the few hot weather events I like to support this is a lovely site of an early American village with trails and fields around it.

Long island in New Jersey.

17-18 September This is the BIG event of the year, the one you should be planning to make: The 240th anniversary of the Battle of Long Island. Held in New Jersey at the Monmouth Battlefield park, this is the event of the year and with its central location for so many of us, we can really have a good turn out here.

1-2 October Chew House, Germantown, Pennsylvania. Our usual shoot 'em up, a one day event, this is the last year Mr. Asher will be sponsoring the event. He has always had a soft spot for the 23rd and besides it's a great event, it would be nice to give him a good send off.

5 November Hope Lodge, Ft. Washington, Pennsylvania. Our usual end of season encampment rumor has it this has been shortened down to just one day. Since this is local for me I'll try to scout it out for more details well before it rolls around.

Dues

It's nearly JULY and I'm still missing dues from far too many members. Come on guys this isn't some surprise we've sprung on you. At this point it should be just something you do out of habit, sense of fair play, or just to shut me up from having to write about it.

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| Regimental | \$20 |
| Col's company | \$10 |
| Total | \$35 |

If you want to also have BAR membership for 2015 that is an additional \$25.
For a total of \$60

Make the check out to Colonel's Company RWFIA and mail it to me at
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