



# *The Flash*

*Col's Co, RWF in America*

April 2017

## Missed march

Sorry for missing the March newsletter, my computer was down having been savaged by dust bunnies. No, I'm not making that up.

## St. David's Day

After a very mild winter, the weekend of St. David's Day was one of the colder days of the season but for those of us who attended it was lots of fun.

Kudos to the Spaars for setting this up. There was more than enough food and an apple and butter cream cake that was really good and can only be described as huge. Even with the inroads made by everyone getting big slices, we made there was still a lot left. No one went away hungry.

## The Year Ahead

Now the campaign season for the next few months. More details will follow but this is so you can try to get your schedule in order.

**Mount Vernon-** The weekend of May 5-6. Yes, *that* Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington. The guys who were there last year said the site went out of its way to make people feel welcome and they had a great time.

**Carlisle PA-** the weekend of May 20-21 is the annual army heritage days at the Army War college. This is a meet and greet standing at the period redoubt talking to the public. No marching, no shooting, no cleaning your weapon (after the event. I expect it clean when you arrive) As we are standing in a Yorktown style

redoubt it is a late war uniform event.

**Short Hills NJ.** June 24-25. Set in northern New Jersey this looks like a lot of fun. It's set on an abandoned golf course the town plans to bulldoze for development when we're done so they don't care what we do to it.

**Old Sturbridge Village.** The weekend of August 5-6 will be our regular outing to the recreated village in Massachusetts. This is usually a fun event on a great site. It is a good chance for our members in New England to turn out without having to drive too far and if I can do it from Pennsylvania each year, it can't be too difficult for other members to turn out.

### Short Gaiters

Remember starting August 1 we are going over to the short gaiters for most field events. Don't wait until the last moment and be sewing on buttons at an event as your beloved RSM is trying to get you into formation.

Buy the gaiters from Godwin, the buttons from Townsend and the semi-gloss latex paint from, well mine was Home Depot. Personally I'm so looking forward to not have to spend 10 minutes just doing up the leggings.

### Dues

Right some of you have sent in your checks to me and I really do appreciate that. For those of you who haven't please, we need this to cover our operating costs. Without insurance, we can't go out and play. It's that simple.

The dues are

Regimental	\$20
Col's company	\$10
Total	\$30

If you want to also have BAR membership for 2017 that is an additional \$25.

For a total of \$55

Make the check out to Colonel's Company RWFIA and mail it to me at  
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1103 Oxford Cir  
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And yes it's col's company even if you're a grenadier or light bob-it's how I set up the bank account when I was the Colonel's company sergeant and that's how the checks go in.