



The Fusilier

June 2017

Friends and Fellow Fusiliers,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the recent Memorial Day holiday. I also hope you gave pause and said a small prayer in remembrance of those who have served and continue to serve, allowing us to live in the freedom and security many Americans take for granted. Thank you to all of the members of the RWFIA, who served and continue to serve, allowing us to gather, don the redcoat and shoulder our muskets on weekends.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the families and the victims of the terrorist attacks in Manchester. Events like these are a tragic reminder that our world is far from safe and secure, making the daily contributions and vigilance of our Service members and Law Enforcement that much more important. Please take a moment to pray for and remember those suffering as a result of this senseless attack and for the continued safety and security of our Country.

Here are some points of interest in this month's newsletter:

- Status of Annual Dues
- Mount Vernon After Action Report from Eric Spaar
- Information on upcoming Short Hills (Edison, NJ; 24-25 Jun) event
- Updated Quartermaster Report
 - Wool
 - Cap cords are in!! (see section III for more information)

One note on the first point, this season promises to be one of our best in recent memory. Lieut. Gen. Riley plans on attending the Sandy Hollow event in September—his first event as our Colonel. We are currently working the logistical planning for his trip. We want to see YOU back in the ranks, but you need to “pay to play” and send your dues to your Company Commander to ensure you are covered by our insurance.

Your Humble Most Obedient Servant,

Maj. Reilly

I. Administrative

Regimental Dues—I spoke with the Adjutant and as of this past week, we have 25 paid members for this upcoming season.

I need all COs (with the exception of RSM Astle) to contact me NLT June 16th (phone, e-mail) and provide me with a status update on your dues collection and plan for the upcoming campaign season.

II. Operations

June 3--New Recruit Training Event (Long Island, NY): L. Cpl. Justin Parker is holding a new recruit training session at the Manor of St. George, Shirley, New York. This is great opportunity for those new to the RWFIA and also for those veterans who want “to shake the cobwebs off.” The site is located on Long Island. Here is a website link for more information:

http://brookhavensouthhaven.org/history/manorstgeorge/st_george_manor.htm

June 24-25, Battle of Short Hills (Oak Ridge Park, Clark, NJ):

Uniform: Early War Kit, including full gaiters and wig. Pack at least 60 cartridges for two battles. I am still working the feeding plan and should have more information shortly.

This event is a recreation of a June 1777 action fought when Sir William Howe’s Army attempted to trap Mr. Washington’s force. Gen. Howe’s plan almost worked, but the hard fighting of a New Jersey Brigade allowed the Continentals escape the trap. *This is the last site event before it is redeveloped into a municipal park.* Here is the schedule for the event:

- Friday, June 23
 - 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Registration Open
 - 7:00 - Officers Meeting
 - 10:00 - Registration Closes/Tattoo

- Saturday, June 24
 - 7:00 AM- 10:00 AM: Registration Open
 - 7:00 - Morning Gun
 - 8:00 - Camp closed to cars/Morning Formation/Safety Inspection
 - 10:00 - Registration Closes
 - 10:00 - Battalion Drill
 - 12:00 PM -1:00: Dinner
 - 1:00 - 2:00: Picket Duty
 - 2:00 - 3:00: Battle of Short Hills
 - 5:00 - Supper
 - 7:00 - Battalion Officer Meeting

- 7:00 - 22nd Regiment of Foot Tavern opens
- 11:00 - Tattoo

- Sunday, June 25
 - 8:00 AM - Morning Gun
 - 9:00 - Morning Formation
 - 10:00 - Church Service
 - 12:00 PM- Dinner
 - 1:00 - 2:00: Picket Post
 - 1:45 - Army Formation
 - 2:00 - Main Action
 - 3:30 - Camp breakdown/Open to vehicles

Mount Vernon After Action Review provided by GV Eric Spaar:

“All,

The event went well despite the rain. Grenadiers Alex Ivanchishin, Keith Spaar, as well as Drum Major Joe Siegel and acting Brigade SgtMaj Steve Raby were in attendance.

Keith Spaar set up his kitchen and we had excellent meals for Saturday and Sunday. We had a steady stream of visitors to our camp site attracted by our impressive fire.

Saturday was a bit rainy - the morning battle was cancelled but the rain stopped for two hours and we were able to march out and meet the Americans. The crowd was small and the muskets didn't fire that well but we still managed to force the Americans from the field.

We had an unexpected visitor to our camp on Saturday - Tom Reinhart stopped by with his wife and daughter and many stories were told of old battles and other frivolities.

Saturday evening the Mount Vernon staff provided strong drink, sweets and other rations as well as fireworks for both armies.

Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day for a battle and we marched out and met the Americans again - in the morning we forced the Americans off the field but in the afternoon the rebels took the day. The crowds were much larger and heartily enjoyed the performance.

Overall a great event - highly recommend everyone to make the effort to attend.”

Schedule (2017):

Company Designations: GLICC-Grenadier/Light Infantry/Colonel's Companies; GG- Capt. Grey Grove's Company; FR- Capt. Ferguson's Company; HF-Capt. Horsefall's Company

June 3—Manor of St. George, Shirley, NY (GLICC)

June 24-25—Battle of Short Hills--Edison, NJ--(GLICC)

August 5-6—Old Sturbridge Village—Sturbridge, MA--(GLICC)

September 16-17—Battle of Brandywine (Sandy Hollow)--Brandywine, PA--(COLOUR)

October 7—Battle of Germantown--Philadelphia, PA--(GLICC)

November 4-5—Hope Lodge Encampment—Fort Washington, PA--(GLICC)

Schedule (2018):

July 14-15—Fort Ticonderoga, NY

September 15-16—Mount Harmon Plantation, MD

Schedule (2019):

May 4-5—Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA

Sep ??—Battle of the Hook, Gloucester, VA

III. Quartermaster

The stores now have three bolts of wool for Regimental coats (one red, white and blue). I ordered the Regimental lace and expect to receive it in a couple of weeks.

Roy Najecki has OR cap cords in stock. Please go to www.najecki.com for ordering information. Cords are \$30.00 each plus shipping. Make sure you annotate "Royal Welch Fusilier Cap Cord" on your order. If you have any questions, please e-mail Roy at Roy@najecki.com. For proper a wear on the cap, please contact an NCO or officer in your chain of command.

The 23rd is still searching for a source/maker for bearskin caps. Please let Major Reilly know if you are interested. Ron can send the instructions. We have materials (not including cap plates) for one, possibly two caps.

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

- ii. Heather Chaffee
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: 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](tel:(860)9428483)
[Email: flaming54@att.net](mailto:flaming54@att.net)

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

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____