



The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

May 2017

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. That means no gaiters, no wigs, no bearskin. But if you want you can show up in either uniform. Talking to the public was can show off the change in the uniform over the course of the war.

Beyond the pleasure of talking about our own period there are lots of different periods represented and this can be lots of fun talking to other period and seeing their 'toys.'

You don't have to commit to both days, though it would be nice, but if you can only do one day, every bit helps. Personally, I have business in New York that Saturday but will plan to be there Sunday.

To get to the site from the east and north: This site is about 2 hours west of hope lodge Fort Washington. From New York take the GWB south to the New Jersey turnpike. Follow this down to Exit 6 for the **Pennsylvania Turnpike** and follow that west for about 2 ½ hours to **Carlisle exit** onto **Route 11south**. Follow this 1 ½ miles turn left onto **Harmony Hall Dr**. Take the first left right onto **Claremont Rd**. Take the first left onto **Army Heritage Rd**. After about 1/2 a mile the site will be on the right.

If coming from the south take route 15 North from Maryland up past Gettysburg to the PA turnpike. Follow this one exit to the west then as above.

I was not able to get GPS co-ordinates but the address to load in is 950 Soldiers Dr. Carlisle PA 17013.

Short Hills NJ

June 24-25. The first big event of the season in northern NJ this should be a lot of fun. The location, between New York and Philadelphia means it is going to be fairly easy for a lot of us to make it. This is the last big event where the tall gaiters will be the standard leg wear.

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.

You can encamp on the site or stay at one of the nearby hotels.

Short Gaiters

May, June, July are the last months for the long gaiters in general use. Make sure you've got the short ones ready to go for the fall campaign season.

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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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.