



The Flash

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Ok we're through the hot sweaty part of the year and into the cool, crisp campaign weather.

Old Sturbridge After Action

Truly torrential downpours discouraged a large turnout for this event. Between that and Short Hills earlier in the year this has been a very wet season. However, as we marched onto the field against the rebels at Old Sturbridge the sun shone down on us. It was a challenge to let the rebels push us back and the 23rd fought until it was out of ammo. We were saved from the fate of having to all die in a wet field by a charge of rebel cavalry. At the order "Prepare to receive cavalry" we and the 54th assumed the appropriate position and had to hold it until the cease fire was beat.

Sandy Hollow 2.0

The weekend of Sept 16-17 is the big event of the year, the Battle of Brandywine just south of Philadelphia on the site we used in 2014. If you've been waiting for an event to turn out for in 2017, this is it.

Beyond the usual fun we will be welcoming our new Colonel from the British army, stepping up to the shoes left by Col. Vivian when he retired after many years of service and support.

This site we're using was given a dry run a few years back and it went so well the

locals have opened up even more land for us to play on as we relive and re-inflict one of Washington's more embarrassing defeats on the rebels.

There will be a camp kitchen for the usually nominal fee and you will need at least two full boxes of ammo.

The site is not quite an hour from Hope Lodge so it is easy to reach for most of our membership. Remember this will be the first official outing for the new shorter gaiters. Do not turn out in the long ones-we'll look like some colonial militia with mismatching uniforms. Seriously. Do we need to be pressured to make the uniform easier to put on? I'm practiced with my short gaiters and they are so much easier to put on.

To reach the site from NY: take the **Jersey Turnpike** south to **Exit 6**, PA Turnpike. Follow this about 30 miles to **King of Prussia/ Valley Forge exit 326**. Approaching to toll gate stay to the right and just through the tolls get onto **US-202 S** toward West Chester for about **19 miles**. Turn right onto **W Street Rd/PA-926**. WEST CHESTER LUKOIL is on the corner. Turn left onto **S New St**. S. New St is 0.4 miles past Bridlewood Blvd. If you reach Lake Dr. you've gone about 0.2 miles too far. 1360 S NEW ST. the destination is 0.1 miles past Revere Rd

If you're in PA you can follow 422 E to its merge with 202S in King of Prussia.

Germantown

Saturday October 7th will be the one-day event for the battle of Germantown in Philadelphia. One day, two battles, free lunch, lots of fighting and we win both times! The site provides a free lunch and we just have to fight a battle on each side of it. You will need a complete box for each battle.

The site is simple to get to and is an easy day trip from the New York area too. Take the **New Jersey turnpike** south to **exit 6**, to the **Pennsylvania Turnpike**. Follow this about 25 miles to the **Plymouth Meeting** exit. From there turn left/east onto **Germantown Pike** so the mall and the IKEA building are behind you. Follow this about **8 miles**. Cliveden will be on the left. For those of us in the area already, just drive to the Plymouth Meeting mall and proceed as above onto Germantown Pike.

Hope Lodge

November Saturday 4 will see the traditional end of our season at Hope Lodge.

Powder

I know for some of our membership living in New York it can be hard to get black powder. I live in a more gun friendly state. If you need powder drop me a line and I'll see what I can do to pick some up and we can hand it off at events.