



# *The Fusilier*

## October/November 2017

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Gentlemen,

The 23<sup>rd</sup> supported a number of autumn events as the 2017 campaign season draws to a close. There were two significant events off the field in October as both Justin Parker, Grenadier Company and Dan Blandon, Light Infantry Company married their beautiful brides. Please congratulate these gents when you see them.

The Colour Event at Sandy Hollow in September proved to be a significant, fun and warm event. Lt. Gen. Riley joined us for the event and we held a ceremony to recognize him as the Colonel of the Regiment. I presented him with the Commander's Sword as the first badge of his office. The General was honoured and excited to lead the RWFIA. He hopes to travel to the US annually to attend an event. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic, knowledgeable and experienced Colonel to aid us in strengthening our bond with the Royal Welsh. I also thanked Brigadier Vivian for his years of dedication and support to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The site of the event consisted of an open township park with a gently rolling slope and a private horse pasture, just beyond Birmingham Meeting House, separated by a wooded lot. I served as commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Crown Forces and Lieut. Jack Pritchard led the 23<sup>rd</sup> on the field, with Sjt. Maj. Astle as his second in command. Sjt. Maj. Raby served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Serjeant Major. Saturday's scenario directed that Crown units advance from the park, through the woods and assemble at the far end of the horse pasture. Once in the assembly area, Crown Forces fought the rebels across the pasture and through the woods. The full battle line assembled in the park and in front of the spectators. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, under Maj. Malcom MacWilliam (42<sup>nd</sup> Grenadiers) formed on the left and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion on the right. The Regulars pushed and exerted constant pressure on the rebel line using a combination of volley firing and advancing. One final push against the rebels forced them up the rise at the end of park, routing the defeated irregulars off the field. Sunday's battle plan directed that the Crown units assemble the wood line, push out rebel skirmishers and assemble in the main battle area of the park. I led the left wing of the line and Capt. Jeff Blessing (17<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot) commanded 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion on the right. Sunday's scenario played out very similar to Saturday's, except that once the rebels ascended the slope, Crown troops did not pursue. The rebels, although bloodied remained on the field. The 23<sup>rd</sup> did a great job under Lieut. Pritchard's command. Special thanks to: Maj. Ken Siegel, Lieut. Jack Pritchard, RSM Paul Astle, RSM Steve Raby, RDM Joseph Siegel, GV David Leslie-Hughes, Cpl. Mike Miller, Pvt. Bob Peterson, Pvt. Kyle Parker, Pvt. Alex Miller and Rct. Dan Blandon.

Cpl. Justin Parker had his first independent command at the Germantown event on October 7<sup>th</sup>. He led a contingent of the 23<sup>rd</sup> including: GV David Leslie-Hughes, Pvt. Kyle Parker and Rct. Mike Boyle in defence of the Chew Mansion. Congrats on the great work Justin!

The first weekend of November included events at both Hope Lodge, PA on November 4<sup>th</sup> and Camden, SC on November 5<sup>th</sup>. RSM Paul Astle led the 23<sup>rd</sup> contingent at Hope Lodge including: GV David Leslie-Hughes and Cpl. Gregory Urwin. GV Eric Spaar is leading the Fusiliers at Camden. I hope to add the event after action reports to the next edition of the Fusilier.

Cpl. Justin Parker is looking for muskets to help augment the RWFIA's ranks at a Fort Washington (Manhattan) event on November 12, please contact him for more information.

## II. Operations

### Schedule (2018):

March 3- St. David's Day Dinner, Dill Tavern, Dillsburg, PA

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 Regiment lace and enlisted cap cords for the bearskin caps.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:carlivar@yahoo.com)
  
- ii. Heather Chaffee  
15010 Victory Blvd. #102  
Van Nuys, Ca 91411  
Phone: (201) 450-6153  
Email: [Heath51937@aol.com](mailto: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)

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23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_