



The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

November 2017

Hope Lodge

This event has passed bringing to an end the traditional season for campaigning. It was rather different this year in that we decided instead of the usual back and forth to make it more of a local history event.

The colonials split their forces between the redoubt-the Whitemarsh line- and the far end of the field where they were Lafayette's men at 'barren hill' which had to fight their way through our lines to get back to the main Colonial line.

For us this added a new bit to a fight that has become, somewhat repetitive and gave us something to talk to the crowds about as we were just 10 miles or so from the site of the real fight. The small snag was the doodle designated as Lafayette didn't understand he had to break out.

But once that was worked out it was fun with nearly perfect weather for a re-enactment. We plan to build on this plan for next year.

Clean up the kit

With the season coming to a close take time to really clean up your kit. Strip and thoroughly clean your musket. Rub the stock with wood oil, especially around the lock where it dries out. Look for tears or missing buttons and such. Clean and fix what you can and, be honest, and replace the bits beyond salvage.

We are not just representing British troops in the war. We are some of the finest British troops in the war and should strive to look like.

Gaiters

Well at this point we've had a few events with the new short gaiters and hopefully at this point you've got a pair or plan to have them before the spring.

My own observation is they go on in only minutes. For the first time in decades I don't need a button hook even though they are properly tight and I can move my leg easily.

I will admit they feel a little odd for the first few minutes each time I put them on and we do lose some of the elegance we're famous for but my goodness it is so much easier to move your legs.

Please make sure you have yours ready and if you have any questions please ask me.

Dues

Right that time has come to once more send it dues to cover insurance and such to keep us going. 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.