

St. David's Day

A small but loyal band gathered at the Dill Tavern for St. David's day. It was agreed we'd all share a leek, a drink and a toast to St. David. Some balked at climbing on the furniture but when David Leslie Hughes mounted onto the table it was hard for other to beg off.

As we were all sharing breath that would remove paint from the doors, the champagne in the cup was shared round to all and sundry instead of just being the provenance of the Senior NCO.

Of interest as a historical note. David informed us the cup we were using was the same one he drank from when he originally joined the RWF back as a young man.

Army Heritage Days

This is an annual two-day event in Carlisle where we represent the troops in the Americas in the late 18th century. This year it will be May 19-20. This, is a non-shooting event. We spend the time standing in a rebuilt redoubt and talk to the public and re-enactors from other periods some of who's displays are really impressive.

It's a late war uniform event because, to be honest, we got tired of telling people "later in the war when we were in a place like this we wore" So we wear the late war uniform, which is more comfortable, and match out surroundings.

The Battle of Malvern

Just a little beyond Hope Lodge in Pennsylvania this is a one-day event hosted by the 43rd · On June 3 on the Payole Battlefield.

Long Island

June 23-24 the occupation of Long Island. At Old Beth Page, and easy drive for members in Lower New York, Connecticut and northern New Jersey.

<u>Ticonderoga</u>

We all know the drive up to Ticonderoga in July can be a drive. The Major is discussing maybe renting a van for a bunch of us to share driving time and costs. Naturally this takes planning. If you are interested in doing this please let him know so he can plan accordingly.

<u>Mailings</u>

For those of you who pay your dues this may come as a surprise but this newsletter has been going out to members who are sort of ghosting along. Not paying dues, not showing up at events but still occasionally asking questions and the like. These are old friends, people with great memories and often the subject of legendary tales. But they aren't paying up or showing up. If you are one of these ghosts this may well be the last newsletter from me as we're clearing the books. If you are paying dues but just can't find the time to turn out, DO NOT WORRY, you're good. But if you haven't paid dues and haven't turned out since the 225th of Yorktown, well.

If this is a surprise to you and you want to stay in the RSM's good books-literallythen drop me a note, preferably with a dues check in it.

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<u>Dues</u>

Some people have already sent in their dues, thank you gentlemen, other, haven't. this has to come in. We need it 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\$20Col's company\$10Total\$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 Paul Astle 1103 Oxford Cir Lansdale PA 19446