



## *The Flash*

*Col's Co, RWF in America*

June 2018

### **The Battle of Malvern**

Just a little beyond Hope Lodge in Pennsylvania on the Paole Battlefield we fought a sharp little encounter with the colonials. It was fun and to be honest just seeing the Paoli battlefield itself was somewhat moving. Despite the threat of rain in the forecast the weather was perfect for re-enacting. Over cast with the temperature in the low 60's, a nice breeze. Even when it rained it wasn't enough to stop the muskets from firing. All in all, a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

Now for the year ahead.:

### **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. Justin Parker has been the force behind setting this up. We've been there a couple of times now and it is a nice place easy to reach.

The plan this time is we will be engaging the doodles so you'll need a full box of ammo for each day. This is early war uniform so bearskins and breaches. We dress to impress.

The address is 1303 old swamp road. Old Bethpage, NY 11804

To reach the site from Westchester county: take I-95 to the Throggs neck bridge. I-695 S/Throgs Neck Expy S Take the Cross Is Pkwy S exit, EXIT 8. Merge onto

Cross Island Pkwy S. Merge onto I-495 E/Long Island Expy E toward Eastern Long Island. Take the LIE to EXIT 48 toward Round Swamp Rd/Old Bethpage. Turn right onto Round Swamp Rd.

To get to the site from Pennsylvania: Take the PA turnpike east to the Jersey turnpike to EXIT 13 toward Goethals Br/Verrazano Br (Portions toll) (Crossing into New York). After 17.01 miles Keep right to take I-278 E/Brooklyn Queens Expy toward Bklyn-Qns Expwy/Queens/Bronx. After 7 miles take the I-495/Long Is Expwy 35E on the left toward Eastern Long Is/Riverhead.

Take EXIT 48 toward Round Swamp Rd/Old Bethpage. Merge onto Long Island Expressway Service Rd. Long Island Expressway Service Rd becomes S Service Rd. Turn right onto Round Swamp Rd.

### **Ticonderoga**

This will be the furthest north we'll go this year on July 21-22. We all know it's a great site and it's had some epic tales added to the regimental lore

The plan is that we will be recreating the fighting around the fort where the British drove off the colonial troops who lingered trying to protect the site even after the royal Artillery made the fort untenable. In other words we get to WIN as we drive the rebels from the field.

### **Nathan Hale homestead**

A one-day event in Coventry Connecticut at the home of the colonial captain and spy. Mike Miller is active with them and in all honesty, we need to have a presence here if we can. The 23<sup>rd</sup> has a very personal connection to Captain Hale.

### **Sturbridge**

August 4-5 will be our usual trip to Old Sturbridge Village just over the Massachusetts border east of Hartford Connecticut.

This is a fun site being a reconstructed Federalist village. If you are in the NYC area it is just near enough for a day trip (it's about 2-2 ½ hour drive from Westchester.)

### **Maryland**

The weekend of September 15-16 will be the big brigade event of the year with the colonel of the regiment coming over from the UK.

### **German town**

The usual one-day shoot 'em up in Philadelphia on Saturday October 6.

### Putnam Park

Mike miller has been involved in getting this site in Connecticut revitalized They are having a re-enactment the first Saturday in November.

### Hope lodge

The traditional end of season event. The first Saturday in November. One day two fights.

### Directions

Ok here is the group participation part of the newsletter. You've hopefully noticed that when I describe events I also tell you how to get there. But after the last event I was at I noticed that my GPS was taking me on roads that had nothing to do with the directions I got from map quest.

Now at the risk of making myself sound old(er) when I started writing this newsletter most of us didn't have GPS and directions were needed. I'd scout roads and pour over maps. Now most of us have GPS. Do you want/need me to keep up with the detailed directions? Just general directions? Or just an end address and you're GPS will get you there?

What is going to work for you guys? Let me know!

### Dues

Yes, it's June and I'm still asking for these. If you've sent yours in THANKYOU. If you haven't and you still want to turn out with us, you need to get it in. we desperately need the dues to cover things like insurance.

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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