



The Fusilier

July 2018

--From the Commander--

Greetings Fellow Fusiliers,

Campaign activities continued unabashed in June as Regt. Sjt. Maj. Astle and Cpl. Parker led a contingent of flank troops against rebel raiding parties intent on disturbing the tranquility brought to Bethpage Village in New York by Crown troops. Regt. Drum Maj. Siegel attended an event at Monmouth, New Jersey in his capacity as the Brigade Drum Major. After action reports for both events are posted in this edition.

In two weeks, I will part of an element marching north to defend Fort Ticonderoga against local rebel incursions. Our group includes: GV Leslie-Hughes, Regt. Sjt. Maj. Astle, Regt. Drum Maj. Siegel, Cpl. Miller and Pvt. Peterson. *The 24th Regt. of Foot under Maj. Novotny has generously allowed us to join their mess for the weekend. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you plan on going, please let me know as soon as possible, so that I can give a proper headcount to Maj. Novotny*

From August 4th to the 5th, Maj. Siegel is leading a contingent in support of the 10th Regiment of Foot at Old Sturbridge Village, located in the province that began these troubles, Massachusetts.

The 23rd rejoins the British Brigade on the field at Mount Harmon Plantation, September 15th and 16th, as the rebels attempt to deter the Crown Forces advance on Philadelphia. The following month, the Fusiliers will be defending Philadelphia by aiding in defence of the Mr. Chew's mansion. Cpl. Miller is also leading incursions to Connecticut, July 28th (Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry) and November 3rd (Putnam Park, Redding).

Finally, last but not least, Mike Grillo, formerly of the 23rd, is available to make bearskin caps. The cost is \$250.00, which is a good price for these caps. Cap cords and cloth devices, and bomb badges (grenadier company) can be purchased from the Quartermaster Stores and will be mailed to Mike. His contact information is in the Quartermaster section of the newsletter.

Thank you all for your service to the Regiment and I hope to see you on the field this season.

Ich Dien,
Shane

Account of Bethpage Village action from Cpl. Justin Parker:

[Note: The event gods frowned upon the major's attempt to participate and killed his car battery in Hamburg, Pennsylvania enroute to Long Island.]

“Present were RSM Paul Astle, Cpl. Justin Parker, Pvt. Kyle Parker, Rct. Mike Boyle, Rct. Ken Boyle, Rct. Dan Blander, Rct. Joe Corrado. This was the first event for our new recruits Ken and Joe fielding with the 23rd. We were also supplemented by some mounted and dismounted troopers of the 17th LD, and a few men from the 35th and the 42nd.

What became of the weather? Not a drop of rain fell on Saturday, with temperatures staying in the mid 60's, which was very odd for June on Long Island. Sunday was warmer, in the 80's, with some humidity that burned off by the afternoon. Patrols were sent out through the town and similar to the "Under the Redcoat" weekends at Colonial Williamsburg, encounters with the site's volunteers portraying 18th century civilians were staged throughout both days.

There was a brief light infantry tactical around noon on both Saturday and Sunday, where we defeated small parties of inexperienced rebels on both days. Around 3pm, the day's main engagement commenced. The site constructed a substantial half of a fort, meant to portray any one of the dozen or so fortified positions constructed all over Long Island during the war. Utilizing these fortifications, on Saturday we re-created the August 1777 Battle of Setauket (where we won after the doodles fled back to their whaleboats thinking Royal Navy masts had been seen on the Sound) and on Sunday, we presented a more gunpowder-friendly, daytime version of the October 1781 Battle of Fort Salongo (where the rebels had to be permitted to win a battle and this was it).”

Monmouth report from Regt. Drum Maj. Siegel:

“Monmouth was hot, but not overly so. We did have a couple of heat casualties, but this had as much to do with a 30 minute wait to make sure a great show was put on by staging the first army in the orchards across the bridge from the visitors center and allot of movement. It was a great show that everyone seemed to enjoy a great deal even if the American Artillery kept firing far to long holding up the scenario. (Jeffrey Blessing would have been in his rights to just sweep and take all the guns as he had 30-40 muskets on their side with no protection to the pieces right along the crowd line). The army looked great, though many inquiries about the presence of the 23rd were fielded. The Marines however took care of me and Ruth as well as the hospitality of others such as the Army Staff and Mr. Gardner and the 54th.”

-- Operations: 2018 Event Calendar--

Date	Event	Location	POC	Notes
3 Mar	St. David's Day Dinner	Dillsburg, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Overnight accommodations included; See flyer
17-18 Mar	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	Eric Spaar eric.spaar@gmail.com	Late war kit
5-6 May	Mount Vernon Encampment	Alexandria, VA	Eric Spaar eric.spaar@gmail.com	Early war kit
19-20 May	Army Heritage Days	Carlisle, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Late war kit
2-3 Jun	Mill at Anselma, Battle of Malvern	Malvern, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Add'l one day event; Sunday, paid event, run by 43rd; late war kit;
23-24 Jun	Occupation of Long Island	Old Bethpage Village, NY	Justin Parker Achernar308@yahoo.com	Paid event ; Early war kit
29 Jun - 1 Jul	British Brigade Academy	Dillsburg, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Early war kit
21-22 Jul	Fort Ticonderoga	Ft. Ticonderoga, NY	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Event run by 24 th Regt; late war kit
28 Jul	Nathan Hale Homestead	Coventry, CT	Mike Miller Mars_junior@yahoo.com	One day event; early war kit
4-5 Aug	Old Sturbridge Village	Sturbridge, MA	Ken Siegel Rangerken98@earthlink.net	Event run by 10 th Regt.
15-16 Sep	Mount Harmon Plantation	Earleville, MD	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Colour Event; late war kit
6 Oct	Battle of Germantown	Philadelphia, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	One day, paid event; early war kit
3 Nov	Putnam Park	Redding, CT	Mike Miller Mars_junior@yahoo.com	One day event; early war kit
3 Nov	Hope Lodge	Fort Washington, PA	Paul Astle coysrwf@hotmail.com	One day event; early war kit

Fort Ticonderoga Information:

Address: 102 Fort Ti Road, Ticonderoga, NY

Website: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/education/reenactors/defiance-independence>

Uniform: Late war kit (campaign impression); ammunition—minimum two full boxes (~60 rounds)

Schedule:

- **Friday**
 - 1:00 PM- 11:00 PM: Camp set-up and registration
 - 7:00 PM: Officers Meeting

- **Saturday**
 - 7:00 AM- 9:00 AM: Camp set-up; all vehicles out of camp by 9:00

- 9:30 AM- Fort opens to the public
 - 10:00 AM- Unit inspection and safety check
 - 12:30 AM- Battle Assembly
 - 1:00 PM- Battle
 - 5:00 PM- Fort closes to visitors
 - 11:00 PM- Tattoo
- **Sunday**
 - 7:00 AM- Reveille
 - 9:30 AM- Fort opens to visitors/ Church service
 - 10:00 AM- Unit inspection
 - 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM- Posting pickets
 - 12:30 PM- Battle Assembly
 - 1:00 PM- Battle
 - 1:30 PM- Raising the King's Colours (inside the fort)
 - 2:00 PM- Battle
 - 4:00 PM- Vehicles allowed in camp
 - 5:00 PM- Fort closes to visitors

-- Quartermaster--

Ordering Procedures: 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:

Shane Reilly
17 East Eppley Drive
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17015

Recruits, if you have any questions regarding the uniform or purchasing items, please consult with your Company leadership.

a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses

i. Mike Grillo
9 Shady Lane
Scarsdale, NY 10583
Phone: (347) 804-9763
Email: rwffuz94@aol.com

ii. Carl Johnson
3508 Mill Stream Place
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone: (704) 957-9108
Email: carlivar@yahoo.com

iii. Heather Chaffee
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: Heath51937@aol.com

iv. [Ben Beers](#)
[1195 Rogers Road](#)
[Mount Airy, NC 27030](#)
Email: mbeers@surry.net

v. [Steven Gardner](#)
[162 Puddin Lane](#)
[Mansfield Center, CT 06250](#)
Phone: (860) 9428483
Email: flaming54@att.net

His Majesty's 23rd 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 23rd 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.

Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: _____

Company: _____

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____