



The Fusilier

August 2018

--From the Commander--

Greetings Fellow Fusiliers,

I hope that you hoisted a pint or your favorite drink in honor of the Heroes of Minden yesterday.

Our campaign against the rebels continues. Last month we drove them from Fort Ticonderoga, this weekend we'll meet them again at Old Sturbridge Village and next month, we'll attack them at Mount Harmon.

This month's edition contains descriptions of both the action at Fort Ticonderoga and the British Brigade's plan for Mount Harmon. The latter is shaping up to be a very interesting event. Over 100 feet of newly constructed trenches and two fresh redoubts are in place. The event is based on a British raiding party during the initial stages of the Philadelphia Campaign. Although the late war kit is specified for the event, those who are still assembling it can attend in the early war uniform. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in attending after reading Brigadier McGaughey's description. I need to send the registration in next week. Lt. Gen. Riley is planning on traveling to the US in October and plans on attending the Germantown event in October.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you on the field soon!

Ich Dien,
Shane

Account of the Action at Fort Ticonderoga:

The Fusilier complement including: Cpl. Miller, Pvt. Peterson, GV Leslie-Hughes and Pvt. (Maj.) Reilly was assigned to the 3rd Company (left wing of the battalion). RDM Siegel led the battalion music. Our platoon included the 23rd and 62nd. The other platoon in the company was composed of the 24th and Queen's 16th L.D. The company served under the command of Capt. Lundy, 24th Regiment of Foot. Maj. Novotny, also of the 24th commanded the battalion. I served as platoon commander.

Saturday's battle commenced when the rebels unwisely marched from the fort into the surrounding forest. Our company aggressively fought through the forest and eventually pushed the rebels back into the fort. Sunday began with a steady downpour until about 11:30. The skies cleared in time to push the rebels from the fort. We continued to engage them as they attempted an amphibious evacuation across the lake.

It was a pleasure to serve alongside the units in our company. We had the fun and fortune to mess with the 24th. The food was delicious and when combined with the camaraderie created a very memorable event.

Here is the information from Brigadier McGaughey on next month's event:

“Mount Harmon Event:

Situation: Sept 1778 – General Clinton has sent a force to raid the upper Chesapeake Bay area and to see how viable occupying the largely Loyalist Eastern Shore might prove.

While Crown forces probe the countryside gathering forage and supplies for the New York army, other forces have been left to guard the landing area and secure vital locations in the surrounding area. Washington has sent a limited number of Continentals to support the local militias to frustrate the Crown goals.

Scenarios: A main Crown camp has been established near the Mount Harmon Plantation and the landing area nearby. An additional screening force has been pushed out from the main camp, as well as other pickets and posts leading back to the main Crown camp, to guard against surprise attacks. Small boats have been left by the Royal Navy to support on-going military operations. The rebels have mustered their forces and built a nearby earthwork in an attempt to hem in the Royal forces on the peninsula.

Camp Options: Participating units may elect to camp in the following areas:

a. **The Main Camp:** This camp will support the normal camp setups including wedges, walls, marquees, cook tents and petty sutlers. Water, straw, and bathroom facilities will be located close by. Sutlers and modern food vendors will be close by. Unless otherwise noted, it will be assumed your unit wants to camp in the Main Camp.

b. **The Advance Camps –** These smaller camps (at least three) will require participants to leave their tents at home. Sites for advance camps will include: 1.) the advance redoubt guarding one of the piers; 2.) woods camp; and, 3.) camp along the trail leading back to the main camp. Participants are urged to bring water, though some will be supplied. Straw and firewood will be made available. It is imperative that no fires be left unattended in these camps. There will be limited port o john facilities nearby. The main camp, sutlers, etc., will be some distance away. Absolutely no trash is to be left in the camps. Each advance camp location will have a POC that is responsible for ensuring the camp is left as found, and must have the camp inspected by the Quarter Master General before leaving.

On-going activities during both days: At a designated time, patrols between the main camp, and between the advance camps will commence. The object is to secure the area and secure the communication and supply lines back to the main camp. Advance camps may send for reinforcements to the supporting camps. In addition, other duties and objectives will be set by HQ to the participants. Units in the main camp will sign up for participation, including submitted a number of their soldiers ready for duty to take the field during the day (these patrols are optional to units staying in the main camp. All or parts of units my volunteer).

Units willing to support operations of the Royal Navy will also be enlisted. Members must be comfortable working on the water and able to help row, as needed, by the crews.

Missions will be sent to them as well during the day.

What the Public Can See – Much of the operations will be out of view of the public each day. You may encounter local civilians (both period and those dressed funny) during

operations. Treat them with courtesy and respect. . Win hearts and minds. Ensure their safety. The public will get to see....

A Very Public Battle - Each day, at the appointed time, all troops will form at their designated assembly areas and march to battle. One day the rebels will hold the works, the other day the Crown will hold the works. Please note, there is an additional smaller work (redoubt) that will be manned by the Crown the entire weekend.

There will likely be a smaller public battle each day by the tobacco barn and farm fields. This is also optional and units may sign up for that as well. These will be very close to the main Crown camp.

Volunteers Needed for the following programs:

- 1.) Friday school tours - Likely starting at 10am around the main house and education center
- 2.) Laundry demonstrations - Saturday and Sunday by the Education center and/or Crown camp area (Location TBD)
- 3.) Soldiers and followers to talk with the public - during the day at the education Center.

In short, there is something for everyone at this event. Units and participants may elect to participate as they see fit/are able.

Other Things of Note:

- * There is a Jollification scheduled for Saturday night in the recently redone boxwood garden, behind the mansion. The garden features new boxwoods, refurbished brick and lighting.
- * We are looking to arrange food again on site Friday night to lessen the need to leave the site.
- Modern camping is available in the re-enactor parking area.
- * Participants are welcome to arrive early and stay over until Monday, but please let us know beforehand.
- Ice will be available on site as well as some food from the on-site vendors.”

Site Information: <http://mountharmon.org/directions/>

-- 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

-- 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
16700 Nordroff St.
Northridge, CA 93343
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: _____