



The Fusilier

January/February 2019

–From the Commander–

Gentlemen,

I hope that you all had a nice holiday season and are ready to take the field once more in the spring. There are a number of developments to discuss. I also included the annual commander's note that briefly discusses 2018 and looks ahead to the 2019 season. *Please ensure that you get your dues payments sent in to your respective CO, so you can join us on the field in 2019!* Here are the updates (in no particular order):

- British Brigade Annual Meeting

Joe, David, and I attended the annual British Brigade meeting on January 4th and 5th in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The Brigadier hosted a Friday night meeting for unit commanders to discuss challenges facing the BB in selecting event sites. Joe and I attended this session. The number of sites for large brigade events seems to be dwindling due to size and ability of locations to host sites and regulations (local, state, and federal). This is why the large BB event this season will be at Mount Harmon, Maryland. This location is large enough for both BB/CL camps and a battle area. The site also allows the BB/CL units freedom of maneuver and fires within the scenarios. *This provides a great opportunity for the 23rd to continue focusing on local events to help build or recruit base.* If anyone has an idea for a site location large enough to house both BB and CL camps, provide logistics support, and permit the BB to safely conduct battlefield scenarios, please let me know.

Saturday's meeting included presentations by Dr. Greg Urwin and Don Hagist. Greg presented a piece on British Army command policies concerning marauding, plunder, and other crimes committed by Crown Force troops during the course of the war. He found that General Howe's indifference to enforcing punitive measures for criminal behavior directly affected his strategic goal of drawing more support for Crown operations and encouraged rebel reprisals. His successor, General Sir Henry Clinton tasked two promising subordinates, Maj. Patrick Ferguson and Capt. John André with developing an army-wide policy on proper treatment of civilians while gathering forage. General Cornwallis implemented the policies developed by Ferguson and André during his Southern Campaign. He was not able to reap the full benefits of the regulations, due to operational requirements, leading to his eventual withdrawal to Yorktown for extraction by sea. The lecture was very informative and well received by the audience.

The presentation by Don Hagist, 22nd Regt. of Foot, covered a wide range of topics he uncovered during his research. These included subjects from minor uniform modifications to how the British Army maintained troop strength in the Colonies through draughts in England. The draughts essentially required regiments in England to send individual replacements to the Colonies. Upon arrival in the Colonies replacement troops were assigned to a new regiment based on strength requirements.

- St. David's Day Dinner

This year, breaking with our annual tradition, we will not be holding an "official" Regimental dinner. I made this decision based on limited financial resources and dwindling attendance numbers. Those funds instead, can be better used for the greater Regiment. I encourage all elements of the 23rd to hold a small celebration wherever you are located at. I do hope that if we can get a substantial turnout at Mount Harmon, the Regiment can hold a field mess, where we can toast St. David and His and Her Majesties, and conduct a leek ceremony for our newest members.

- Quartermaster Stores

I am working on creating a list of sources of material, items, and authorized vendors for our membership, so that troops requiring new equipment and clothing can go directly to the source. The goal is to minimize the amount of purchasing required through the Quartermaster stores. This will help speed up members getting outfitted and will save the Regiment on purchasing and shipping costs.

-- Operations: 2019 Event Calendar--

Date	Event	Location	POC	Notes
2 February	Reenactor Recruitment Day, Army Heritage and Education Center	Carlisle, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Table display with uniform, accouterments, and recruiting materials. Early war kit.
16 February	Revolutionary War Living History Day	Hillsborough, NC	Eric Spaar Eric.spaar@gmail.com	Late war kit
16-17 March	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	Eric Spaar Eric.spaar@gmail.com	Late war kit
5-6 May	Mount Vernon	Mount Vernon, VA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Late war kit
1-2 June	Old Bethpage Village Encampment	Bethpage, NY	Justin Parker Achernar308@yahoo.com	Early War kit
3-4 August	Old Sturbridge Village	Sturbridge, MA	Ken Siegel Rangerken98@earthlink.net	Early War kit
5 October	Battle of Germantown	Philadelphia, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Early War kit
12-13 October	Mount Harmon Plantation	Earleville, MD	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	Late War kit
2 Nov	Hope Lodge Encampment	Hope Lodge, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	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](mailto:mbeers@surry.net)
- v. [Steven Gardner](#)
[162 Puddin Lane](#)
[Mansfield Center, CT 06250](#)
[Phone: \(860\) 9428483](tel:(860)9428483)
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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: _____