



# *The Flash*

*Col's Co, RWF in America*

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## **The Year Ahead**

We have the year before us and I'm waiting to hear what the full season. The main event will be October at Mount Harmon Maryland. After being rained out last year they are determined to make a go of it and I for one am glad. This is a great site, well located with owners who want us to come and play. There are open fields with a redoubt built in it and winding paths through the woods for a more natural setting.

I'll naturally add on more events as I get the schedule.

## **Your kit**

Hopefully you've already given your kit a good cleaning and made any repairs that are needed. If not, this is the time to be sewing on buttons and if need be replacing parts that are beyond the pale.

Seriously. it's better to do the repairs now than in a few months when you're loading the car for an event and suddenly remember "oh crap I forgot to...." This is what we did 230 years ago. It was winter, we did repairs. I think someone back then said something about "A stitch in time saves nine?"

### **Local Sites.**

OK I've spoken at length about these. how I feel they are a great way to be seen and recruit and generally have fun and certainly the people in the NYC area have been very good about Old Bethpage.

but I recently had another revelation. A lot of these *need us*. Places like Old Bethpage or Sturbridge Village have a substantial setting but for those of us in the east there are many smaller places that we can help out.

As an example, where I live. I'm about 1 ½ miles from the "Morgan Log House," the original settlement of Daniel Boone's grandfather. OK I've only lived here about 16-17 years and we finally paid them a visit. A nice little place but as we got the tour and spoke to them I realized that anything is a boost to them. Don't worry I'm not going to ask anyone else to show up there but just talking to them it was clear me offering to show up a couple of days during the year would mean a great deal.

A few Years ago Dennis Murphy found a place in Westchester up near 684. for us it was just a day standing around, talking to each other and conversing with the public, but when he spoke to them after the fact. Dennis was told we'd given them their best day ever.

The point is these small sites are often what keeps the period alive in local lore and if we can help them, even a little, it's going to eventually help our hobby.

### **The Regiment.**

We have taken pride in telling people that the RWF took part in every major campaign of the Revolutionary War except Saratoga, but that very nearly didn't happen.

When the regiment first arrived in New York in the early 1770's it was part of a regular rotation. They were scheduled to go out to the Ohio territories where they would have been distributed in penny-packets to hold small, nearly nameless forts along the frontier against Indians.

What saved the regiment from this fate were the political rumblings in Boston. As that city became more agitated it was determined more troops would be needed to quell them and so the 23rd was one of the forces designated to be sent to New England to quiet the disloyal rumblings.

## Dues

A depressingly low number of people have sent in their dues so far. Please. if you're planning on turning out this year, we need to get the dues in just to pay for insurance so we're allowed to run around in fields shooting guns and waving pointing little things on them. 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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And yes, it's col's company even if you're a grenadier or light bob-it's how I set up the bank account when I was the Colonel's company sergeant and that's how the checks go in.