



The Fusilier

June 2019

--From the Commander--

Gentlemen,

Over the past two months I attended events at Mount Harmon and most recently at Old Bethpage Village Restoration (last weekend). I can't say enough how encouraged I am to see so many new and excited faces in our ranks. It is great to see such motivated and eager new recruits on the field. Our core group of experienced NCOs and Fusiliers are also stepping up, helping to educate new troops on the intricacies of 18th Century soldiering. Capt. Ferguson's Company, the 23rd's West Coast contingent, remains active and is expanding. All of this bodes well for organizational longevity. My sincere hope is that we can bring all the contingents of the 23rd together at Mount Harmon, Maryland in October.

There is also a tremendous amount of activity off the fields as well. Our current wool supplier no longer makes the colored bolts we use. The unit leadership and very knowledgeable pensioners provided some very helpful insight and helped to resolve the issue. More information will follow once a new supplier is confirmed.

The 23rd is moving forward as we add new members to our ranks, welcome the experience of old veterans, and develop the means to provide better logistical support to our membership.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you all on the field at some point this season.

I am with great regard,

Maj. S.P. Reilly

-- 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
27-29 Sep	Celtic Fest	Bethlehem, PA	Shane Reilly Grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	TBD
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

Old Bethpage Village Restoration After Action Report

Men from the Flank Companies participated in a scenario-based event at Old Bethpage Village in Nassau County, New York. Participants included:

- Cpl. Justin Parker
- Cpl. Mike Miller
- Pvt. Kyle Parker
- Rct. Dan Blander
- Rct. Mike Boyle
- Rct. Ken Boyle
- Rct. Mike Laurino

OBVR is a collection of late 18th Century and early 19th Century structures gathered from throughout Long Island and fashioned together into a village. The general scenario was based on the British occupation of Long Island during the war. Patrols scoured the towns requesting passes and loyalty oaths from villagers and visitors. Men from the 23rd were joined by grenadiers from the 35th and a pair of dragoons from the 17th. Saturday morning, we arrested one of the townfolk, requisitioned his house, and tied him to a tree in the name of King and Country. Around lunchtime, a patrol encountered rebels from the

local Huntington militia, which were reluctantly driven off after a brisk fight through town. The rebels once more reappeared later that afternoon and after exchanging volleys were put to flight after the cold steel of the Regulars appeared.

Sunday morning followed the same pattern, except the 23rd placed those suspected of nefarious activity into a local stockade. The resurgent rebels appeared again on Sunday afternoon, forcing the Regulars to use the stockade as a defensive structure. The amateurs pushed the initial force into the fort, but failed to press their advantage and burned their powder. The Crown troops reassembled outside of the fort, fired a couple of brisk volleys, fixed bayonets, and one more drove the rebels off, securing the town.

OBVR is a fantastic site in the shadow of New York City. Our hosts, the Huntington Militia were more the accommodating. It was the first time in my 30 years with the 23rd that a campsite was set up for us. The site provided delicious, campfire-cooked meals on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Cpl. Justin Parker did an excellent job of coordinating with the site and establishing event logistical support. The Fusiliers did an excellent job of firing and maneuvering, resembling experienced, veteran troops.

The site plans to host events every two years. Mark your 2021 calendars now for the next Old Bethpage Village event!

-- 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)

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

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____