

The Southern Company
23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

Dispatch

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Happy Minden Day to all !

“Today is the 260th anniversary of the Battle of Minden on August 1, 1759. The Battle of Minden was fought between Anglo-German troops and those of France during the Seven Years' War. It is celebrated by regiments that fought at the battle by the wearing of roses in their headdress. Prior to the battle advancing British infantry and artillery picked roses from German gardens and displayed them on their uniforms. In memory of this, men of all ranks, in each of the Minden regiments, wear roses in their caps on August 1 to commemorate the battle. Those celebrating today will be:

The Royal Artillery

12th of Foot (Suffolk Regiment), now part of The Royal Anglian Regiment

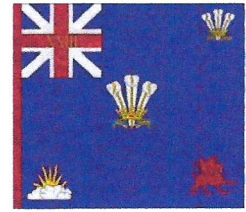
20th Foot (Lancashire Fusiliers), now part of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

23rd Foot (Royal Welch Fusiliers), now the 1st Battalion, The Royal Welsh (Royal Welch Fusiliers)

25th Foot (King's Own Scottish Borderers), now The Royal Scots Borderers (1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland)

37th Foot (Royal Hampshire Regiment), now part of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

51st Foot (King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry), now part of The Rifles”



Event Schedule

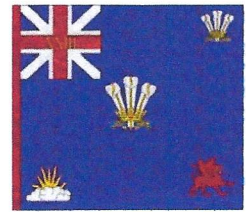
2019

- 16 Feb – British Occupation of Hillsborough, Hillsborough NC
- 16-17 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro NC
- 4-5 May – Revolutionary War Days, Mount Vernon, Alexandria VA
- 8-9 Jun – Hickory Ridge Living History, Boone NC
- 3 Aug – Hillsborough Living History Day, Hillsborough NC
- 12-13 Oct – Mount Harmon Plantation, Earleville MD (REGIMENTAL EVENT)
- 12 Oct – Outlandish Hillsborough, Hillsborough, NC (Scottish Festival)
- 1-3 Nov – Battle of Camden, Camden SC
- TBD Dec – End of 2019 campaign dinner

2020

- 15 Feb – British occupation of Hillsborough, Hillsborough NC
- 16 Feb – Fort Ward Battle Reenactment, Alexandria VA / Tentative
- TBD March – Saint David's Day dinner
- 14-15 Mar – Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro NC
- 11-12 Apr – British occupation of Halifax, Halifax NC
- 2-3 May – Revolutionary War Days, Mount Vernon, Alexandria VA





After Action Reports

Hillsborough Living History Event / 3 August 2019

For those of you who have not previously been to Hillsborough NC it is a small town which hosted the British Army in 1781. It was at Hillsborough that the British Army encamped before engaging the Americans at Guilford Courthouse. The visitors center is an 18th century house which has a lawn area for an encampment. Fusilier Ben Beers and I had a fly tent and displays for the public on Saturday 3 August. We had a steady stream of people who showed interest in our uniforms and displays. We were able to provide some firing demonstrations and information about the 23rd RWFIA. The site event coordinator was pleased with our display and demonstration and invited us back whenever we were available.

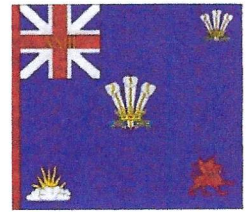
2019 Events

12-13 October - 2019 Battle Mount Harmon Plantation

Big event for the year – hopefully all can make it – I will be driving up.

<https://mountharmon.org/plantation-events-2/>

Experience Living History at the Battle of Mount Harmon Revolutionary War Reenactment Festival on October 12-13, 2019 at the Mount Harmon Plantation in Earleville, Maryland. The Revolutionary War Reenactment & Colonial Festival features British and Rebel encampments and battle reenactments, a Colonial Marketplace and much more! Each day will feature colonial merchants, military skirmishes and battles, tactical demonstrations and drills, and of course a full-fledged Revolutionary War Encampment of both British and “Rebels” (continental and militia groups) will be at hand. The public will be able to: tour the encampments, shop at the colonial market faire, enjoy children’s activities, hearth cooking demonstrations, manor house tours, food and beverage vendors, and much more



The Mount Harmon Plantation is hosting a National Revolutionary War Re-enactment & Colonial Festival featuring nearly 1,000 re-enactors, and an array of colonial craft vendors, and living history activities for the whole family to enjoy. Be sure to join us for all of the time traveling fun and see history come to life!

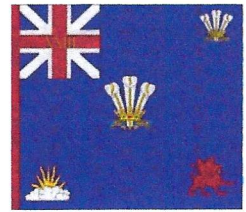
Mount Harmon Plantation is a beautiful site of over 400 acres of fields, woods and Chesapeake Bay beaches suitable for landing at the two piers at low tide.

12 Oct Outlandish Hillsborough, Hillsborough, NC (Scottish Festival)

For those who can't make Mount Harmon than we can support Outlandish Hillsborough – Sergeant Ben Beers will be coordinating this event.

<https://visithillsboroughnc.com/event/outlandish-hillsborough/>

“The Alliance for Historic Hillsborough and Ayr Mount Historic Site in collaboration with the Hillsborough Tourism Board will present *Outlandish Hillsborough*, a weekend of activities centered around Scottish heritage, colonial history and the wildly popular *Outlander* series. The weekend will include family friendly festivals at the Ayr Mount Historic Site with a *Cèilidh at Ayr* from 10:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, October 12th and *Outlandish Ayr* from 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday, October 13th. The festivals will be accompanied by activities around town and local business tie-ins creating a weekend long celebration. *Cèilidh at Ayr* honors Scottish Heritage and Culture in a nod to the Kirkland Family that built the historic home of Ayr Mount named in honor of William Kirkland's birthplace: Ayr, Scotland. It will celebrate Scottish entertainment through performances by the NCSU Pipes and Drums Band, Celtic bands, Scottish Country Dancing, demonstrations, storytelling, plus a wee bairns area, Scottish food and vendors. “



1-3 Nov - 2019 Battle Camden, Camden, SC

This is our annual event in SC – nice venue – tavern open at night for reenactors.

<https://www.historiccamden.org/revolutionary-war-field-days/>

“Historic Camden Revolutionary War Field Days - Cannons roar at Historic Camden Revolutionary War Field Days as Redcoats and Patriots face off on the battlefield using known Southern Campaign military tactics, each day at 1:30 p.m. Tavern Tales, Artillery Demos, Period Fashion Show, Kershaw House Tours, Roundtable Discussion, Sutlers Row Shops, Drum and Fife Concerts, Kids’ activities and lots more. Food Concessions. Free Parking. No pets!

Location: Historic Camden Revolutionary War Field Days Site is located 1.4 miles on Hwy 521 North from I-20/Exit 98. **Saturday & Sunday: Battle at 1:30 daily”**

Personnel Matters

Congratulations to Sergeant Ben Beers who has been appointed Quartermaster for the Regiment. Ben has tremendous knowledge and skill when it comes to 18th century clothing and equipment. We all wish him the best on his new assignment.

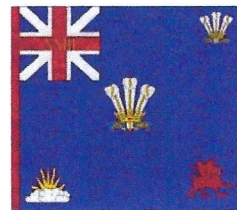
Fusilier Tim Brieady has his own company that makes t-shirts and patches – check out his website at: <https://redheadedtshirts.com/>

Websites of Interest

23rd RWFIA - <http://rwfia.org/wp/>

Sutler G Gedney Godwin - <http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/>

Sutler Townsends - <https://www.townsends.us/>



Sutler Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com/>

Sutler Najecki's - <https://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html>

Comment Section

We are over half way through the 2019 campaign season. Thank you for everyone's participation at the scheduled events so far this year. We have the Regimental event this October and it should be a great weekend with a spectacular venue and a lot of reenactors. Hopefully we will see maximum participation from the Southern Company.

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