



The Flash

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Recruiting

As I explained in the last news letter, Dennis Murphy has set up a recruiting event at a regional gun show just north of NYC/Westchester where the person who is running it is an old reenactor and wants to encourage people like us to show. Dennis has bought the space out of his own pocket and it would be good of us to support him.

This will be an easy day talking to people who want to talk to us and hopefully we can recruit-something desperately needed by any unit. - and the big draw for an event in August? IT'S AIR CONDITIONED! Let me say that again because it certainly bears out. AIR CONDITIONED.

This will be the weekend of August 23-25 at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill NY. Understandably Friday might be tight but with so many people in the NYC area it should be easy to get up for a day or so to help out. We need to get on and support.

Saturday runs 9-5 and Sunday is 9-3.
Fishkill NY Ramada inn: 542 Route 9 Fishkill NY 12524.

from the south –about an hour from lower Westchester.

Take I-684 N toward Brewster (Passing through Connecticut, then crossing into New York).

Merge onto I-84 W via EXIT 9W toward Newburgh.

Merge onto Route 9/US-9 N via EXIT 13N toward Poughkeepsie.

542 Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524-2248, 542 ROUTE 9 is on the right.

from south/pa: about 2 ½ hours from the Philadelphia area

Turn left onto US 202 Pkwy/US-202 N. Continue to follow US-202 N.

US-202 N is 0.1 miles past Upper State Rd

Turn left onto York Rd/US-202 N/PA-263. Continue to follow US-202 N (Crossing into New Jersey).

Keep right at the fork to continue on US-202 N.

Merge onto I-287 N toward Netcong/Morristown/I-78 (Crossing into New York).

Merge onto I-87 N via the exit on the left toward Albany (Portions toll).

Then 14.33 miles

Take the exit toward GET TICKET/TOLL BOOTHS/US-6/Harriman/NY-17.

Merge onto I-87 N via the ramp on the left toward GET TICKET/TOLL BOOTHS (Portions toll).

Take the I-84 exit, EXIT 17, toward NY-300/NY-17K.

Merge onto I-84 E toward Danbury (Portions toll).

Take the US-9 exit, EXIT 13, toward Peekskill/Poughkeepsie.

Keep left at the fork in the ramp.

Turn left onto Route 9/US-9 N.

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From Ct and the east: not quite an hour

Merge onto I-84 W via the ramp on the left toward Waterbury (Crossing into New

York).

Merge onto Route 9/US-9 N via EXIT 13N toward Poughkeepsie.

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The Year ahead

It's been a slow year so far in the north east but in the fall we have a loaded schedule.

the weekend of Sept 28-29 is the Celtic fest, Bethlehem PA

The weekend of October 5 is the battle of Germantown, Philadelphia PA

and the weekend of October 12-13 is the main event of the year at Mount Harmon, Maryland.

The Regiment.

For this month's entry of regimental history, I am bringing up a display appearing this fall at the national Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and a display Greg Urwin has been involved with there.

In Dr. Urwin's own words:

For the last couple of years, I have been advising the Museum of the American Revolution on a special exhibition that will open there on September 28 – “Cost of Revolution: The Life and Death of an Irish Soldier.” It focuses on the experiences of Lieutenant Richard St. George Mansergh St. George of the 53rd Foot’ light infantry company – a daring young Anglo-Irishman who got shot in the head at the Battle of Germantown. He survived only to be butchered by the tenants on his Irish estate in 1798. The MoAR is using St. George’s life to examine the role of the British Army in the War of Independence. It has secured the loan of 300 paintings, period documents, and other artifacts to tell this story. This week, portraits of two of St. George’s comrades in the 2nd Battalion of Light Infantry arrived – Major William Dansey of the 33rd Foot (he commanded the 33r’s light company in 1777) and Captain Lullum Batwell of the 46th Foot.

The MoAR staff invited me to drop by and take a look at these works

behind the scenes, and I was glad to oblige.

This exhibit will be the biggest thing on the British Army in the Rev' War that this country has ever seen. It is great to work with an institution that is willing to invest a million bucks in your ideas. We will see nothing like this again in our lifetimes. I hope you are able to take it in.

For more information on "Cost of Revolution," see <http://www.amrevmuseum.org/exhibits/special-exhibits/cost-revolution-life-and-death-irish-soldier>. The MoAR is also hosting the 2019 International Conference on the American Revolution to kick off the exhibition, and they have asked me to speak. For more on that, see: <http://www.amrevmuseum.org/about/annual-events/2019-international-conference-american-revolution>.

So if you've been waiting for a chance or reason to drop by the museum this certainly would be it.

Dues

The year is more than half over. If you're getting this and haven't paid up, you'll soon not be getting this. I hate to sound like an ogre but it's not fair to the guys who've done their bit. 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 2019 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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Lansdale PA 19446

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.