



The Fusilier

July/August 2019

--From the Commander--

Gentlemen,

I apologize for the delay in this newsletter, but I was waiting on more information on upcoming events. This is going to be a very busy three week period with events in consecutive weekends: Celtic Fest in Bethlehem, PA (Sep 28-29); Germantown (Oct 5); and Mount Harmon Planation, MD (Oct 12-13). Information for these events is covered in greater detail later in the newsletter.

Overall, the Regiment is in fine shape. Regional units of the 23rd are keeping active and recruiting continuing to build the camaraderie and strength, critical requirements for the RWFIA's future.

We are also moving forward at headquarters. First and foremost, Lt. Gen. Riley, our Colonel, is attending the Germantown event. He is presenting a replica copy (not the RWFIA set) of our Colours to the Cliveden Association that runs the site, on behalf of the Regimental Museum in Wales. We are also planning on having a small dinner with the General that evening.

In my duties as acting quartermaster, I am in the process of coordinating with Roy Najecki to have our brasswork (i.e. box badges, belt plates, etc.) made. I am hoping to have something in place in the next couple of months so I can get those items out to the field. For those of you who do not know, the company we used for our brass items went out of business and we've been looking for a vendor since then.

Once again, thank you for all that you do and for being part of this great organization. I hope to see you all in the field soon.

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	Early War Kit (bring both sets if available)
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

-- Event Information --

❖ Celtic Fest

- ◆ Description: This is the 23rd's first time attending this event. My intent is to test it out to see if it is worthwhile for recruiting and building our strength in Pennsylvania. I volunteered to give talks on both Saturday (40 minutes) and Sunday (30 minutes). Saturday's talk focuses on the British war effort at both the strategic and operational levels. Sunday's discussion centers on the regiment including: formation, organization, tactics, officers, and the individual soldier.
- ◆ Location: Colonial Industrial Quarter, 459 Old York Road, Bethlehem, PA 18018
- ◆ Website: www.celticfest.org
- ◆ Hours: Set up begins at 1000

- ◆ Uniform: Early war, bring later war articles with you. No ammunition required.

❖ Battle of Germantown

- ◆ Description: This is the annual powder burner held at the Chew House. This should be a fun one and one not to be missed with Lt. Gen. Riley in attendance. This Colour ceremony will take place at 1:00. Pack two boxes of ammunition, one for each battle.
- ◆ Location: 6400 Block of Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ Website: <http://www.revolutionarygermantown.org/schedule-of-events>
- ◆ Hours: Show time at 0900; Army formation at 0930
- ◆ Uniform: Early war kit, two boxes of ammunition.

❖ Mount Harmon Plantation

- ◆ Description: The British Brigade is doing a lot to make this a worthwhile event for participants. New redoubts are complete and trenches are dug. Brigadier McGaughey sent a note out to unit commanders about providing guard posts and pickets. The idea is to assign unit/units an area to guard on Saturday, which the Continentals, may or may not probe. This will take place beginning at 1100 on Saturday and run to 1430, just before the afternoon battle. I personally think this is great opportunity for our NCOs to exercise command and lead troops. I would like to have a small mess ceremony in camp on Saturday evening to help build camaraderie. There will be a lot going on at this event and is not one to miss!

Eric Spaar is bringing his dining fly, cooking wares, and food. The cost is \$10 for the meals for the weekend.

- ◆ Location: 600 Mount Harmon Road, Earleville, MD 21919
- ◆ Website: <https://mountharmon.org/plantation-events-2/#Reenactment>
- ◆ Hours: Participants can arrive and register on Friday afternoon/evening. Everyone should be in first formation at 1000 on Saturday morning.
- ◆ Uniform: Late war kit for those that have it. For those who do not, wear what you have and we'll do our best to get you kitted out and onto the field.

Veterans, please bring any excess uniform items you have. We'll get uniforms fixed on Saturday morning.

-- 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.

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: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____