



The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

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Celtic Fest

The weekend of Sept 28-29 saw us at the Celtic Fest, in Bethlehem PA. We had a table in an area with various clans. Among the collection of men in kilts the red coats and bearskin hats were very eye catching. We spent both days talking to people about the regiment, the war and the kit.

We were so well received that at the start of the 2nd day the organizers came over to say how many compliments they had received about us.

Germantown

The weekend of October 5 was the battle of Germantown, Philadelphia PA.

Beyond the usual fun of the event though. Lt. Gen Riley, our colonel, was there to present a set of Colours (not our set) to the association that runs Cliveden.

Chatting over the lunch we got to exchange ideas over Brexit, Scotland and a host of issues.

Mount Harmon

The weekend of October 12-13 is the main event of the year at Mount Harmon, Maryland. This is the big event of the year. If you're going to make one event, this is the one to do.

The site is an old plantation that has gone out of its way to make it welcome for re-enactors. There are open fields and tight woodland trails on the site.

You will need at least two boxes of ammo for this event.

This will be a late war uniform event. Gaitered trousers and a cocked hat. Bayonets over the shoulder rather than around the waist. We know you may not have had a chance to get all that together. Bring what you can. The head gear is what will stand out the most so as long as you have the hat you can blend into the line.

Eric Spaar is cooking at Mount Harmon and has all of the mess items. He suggested a donation of \$10 per person to cover all of the meals for the weekend

So you know the time, the place and the logistic. All that's needed is your appearance to make the weekend work. Beer is always welcome as are other spirits and I am perfectly willing to help out those who find they brought to much.

It is about an hour south of Philadelphia. To get thereto get to the site.

Take I-95 South to Exit Route 896 South (toward Middletown)

Go right onto Route 40 (towards Elkton) Follow Route 213 south (toward Chesapeake City) Proceed to Cecilton

In Cecilton, turn right (west) at the stop light (Route 282) and proceed 2 miles

Turn Left onto Grove Neck Rd. Follow Grove Neck Rd. about 1.5 miles

Turn left into Mount Harmon entrance

(watch for deer)

Hope Lodge

The first Saturday in November is the final event of the season on, November 2, at Hope Lodge. It's a nice little event and close enough to make it a 1 day event if you want to just drive down from New York and not camp.

There are two fights on Saturday. There are no plans for a camp kitchen but there are lots of places about the site to get food and a bar across the street.

To reach the site from New York take the New Jersey turnpike south to exit 6 to the PA turnpike. Follow this about 20 miles to the Fort Washington exit. Through the toll booth go straight, through the town until you come to a T intersection. Take the left-hand turn and follow the Baltimore pike about 1 mile, Hope Lodge will be on the left.

If you are in Pennsylvania already, in particular Montgomery or Bucks county, take 309 south to Fort Washington then follow on as above.

The Regiment.

To discuss our period in this item, for once, the 23rd arrived in the colonies, in New York, in the early 1770's. We were supposed to be shipped out to the Ohio territory, what is now Ohio, Indiana and Michigan to be split up into small forts guarding the frontier against the 'savages.' But as things in Boston deteriorated they earmarked for that troubles town.

Now for the part I like and we can take pride in. Such was the reputation of the 23rd that while the Boston press bitched and moaned about the British troops being sent into their city, the Royal Welch Fusiliers got as much press as the rest of the British army combined.

Bad enough that the city had it's common overrun but had things gotten so bad? So out of hand, that these troops had to be sent in?