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Subject: A Review of 2019 and Thoughts on the Future

Fellow Fusiliers,

Please excuse the delay of this dispatch I waited on both the annual British Brigade meeting and a teleconference with the 23rd's leadership team, before I sent this out. Overall, the RWFIA continues to move forward as we enter the 2020 campaign season. As commander, I am attempting to work with our company officers and NCOs to manage and coordinate efforts for the upcoming season and simultaneously create long term systems and structures. My success as commander will be judged by my successor and my intent is to put all of the resources and personnel in place that can ensure his success and with it the 23rd's longevity. We are continuing to make strides in this direction through both members taking over off the field roles and promoting competent and dedicated leaders to lead Fusiliers at events.

This past season I had the opportunity to participate in regional events in Long Island and Mount Vernon. Mount Harmon Plantation provided the opportunity to consolidate members from the Colonel's, Grenadier, Light Infantry, and Capt. Horsefall's Companies. The 23rd had our own logistics support and were able to participate in a full schedule of activities and battles throughout the weekend. The Mount Harmon event was a great first step in gathering our companies located across the East Coast. My goal is a larger consolidation of RWFIA elements at a single event. The British Brigade is coordinating an event at "The Hook" in Gloucester, Virginia, tentatively set for October 2021. If the Brigade can finalize the details for this battle, my intent is to have the men of Capt. Ferguson's Company join us. We will try to work time on the schedule to pay our respects at Fusilier Redoubt, located across the York River.

Finally, please accept my sincere apologies on any delays in correspondence or communications. I have a very full schedule during the workweek, as I'm sure many of you do and cannot respond as quickly as I would like. Thank you all of your service and support to the Regiment, I am honoured to serve as your field commander and hope to see you on the field soon.

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