



# *The Fusilier*

## Winter 2019-2020

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**–From the Commander–**

Greetings Fellow Fusiliers,

Please accept my apologies for the delay of this newsletter, but I wanted to incorporate information from last month's British Brigade Annual Meeting and a teleconference held with the Regimental leadership last weekend. At the phone conference, we addressed the campaign schedule for 2020 and other issues that I will discuss later in the newsletter.

I wrote a separate, end of year letter with my thoughts on the current state of the RWFIA. Overall, the Regiment seems to be doing well, both financially and in terms of membership. Each year we seem to make gradual progress in terms of filling our ranks, updating our kits, and filling critical voids in terms of leadership and functional structure. All of these items, namely the latter two will ensure sustainment over the near term and longevity of RWFIA as we approach events commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American War of Independence.

Once again, thank you for your service to and support of the recreated 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot. I hope at some point to see you on the field.

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Shane

## Personnel

- Promotions

Promotions are an excellent way to recognize outstanding leadership and competence. Promotions ensure advancement of members who have demonstrated the traits and knowledge required to serve at the next highest level of responsibility. It is my distinct honour as commander to advance the following individuals:

- Alex Ivanchishin is advanced from the rank of lance corporal to Gentlemen Volunteer. The GV, upon acquiring his complete officers kit, will be advanced to Captain and serve as the commander for Capt. Horsefall's Company. Alex is retired USAF officer and a long serving member of the Grenadier Company.
- Michael Miller of the Light Infantry Company, is advanced from the rank of corporal to Lance Sergeant. Mike has performed exceptionally well by training his charges in both drill and maneuver. He is a very diligent and competent leader on the battlefield. Off the field, Mike is responsible for redesigning and updating the organizational website.

Please congratulate these gentlemen when you see them. Advancement of qualified members is critical component in ensuring the longevity of the Regiment. Huzzah and congratulations to Alex and Mike! Well Done!

Also welcome Brandon Wheeldon to the ranks of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Brandon is from Denver and served an Army Infantryman prior to going to school as documentary filmmaker. Special thanks to Grenadier Jason Smith for his efforts in recruiting Brandon! The 23<sup>rd</sup> now has an expanding footprint in Colorado to help augment Capt. Ferguson's Company thanks to Jason's efforts.

Welcome to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Brandon!! It's great to have you join us. We look forward to seeing you on the field soon!

- Dues

I have established a PayPal account for Regimental Dues, which is \$20.00 for the 2020 season. If you are paying company dues as well, I recommend mailing a check to your company commander so that both can be incorporated. The account for PayPal is: [grenadier23rd@yahoo.com](mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com).

David and I spoke with John Lopez, President of the Brigade of the American Revolution, at the British Brigade Meeting. Mr. Lopez relayed to us that the BAR is not currently accepting unit member applications for the BAR. If you wish to join the BAR, it is on an individual basis (i.e., receive the BAR newsletter, publications, etc.) Members can participate at events that are sponsored by both the BB and BAR, but non-BB endorsed BAR events require BAR membership for

participation. Please see the BAR website at [www.brigade.org](http://www.brigade.org) for more information on joining.

- **Artillery Support**

The British Brigade has a shortage of personnel for manning field pieces at events. This presents an opportunity for those members who feel that they are not able to participate as a musketeer due to a short or long term physical condition. My intent is not to deprive our ranks of foot soldiers, but to allow those who do not feel “up to” the marching and maneuvering required of infantry troops to participate. Anyone wishing to serve as a temporary artilleryman, must advise the senior ranking RWFIA officer or NCO of their condition and willingness to join a gun crew. The senior Fusilier will then coordinate with the senior RA officer for attaching designated personnel for the event’s duration. The RA unit is responsible for training all attached troops. This is not joining another AWI organization, which is against ROs, but the temporary attachment of personnel to an RA unit for the event only. This exception is designed to maximize our attendance numbers at an event, while allowing personnel to participate within the limits of their physical condition(s).

**-- Operations: 2020 Event Calendar--**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>Notes</b>
7 Mar	St. David’s Day Dinner	TBD		
14-15 Mar	Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC	Eric Spaar; <a href="mailto:eric.spaar@gmail.com">eric.spaar@gmail.com</a>	Late War Kit
2-3 May	Mount Vernon	Alexandria, VA	Shane Reilly; <a href="mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com">grenadier23rd@yahoo.com</a>	Late War Kit
30-31 May	Fort Loudon	Fort Loudon, PA	Shane Reilly; <a href="mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com">grenadier23rd@yahoo.com</a>	Late War Kit
26-27 Sep	Celtic Fest	Bethlehem, PA	Shane Reilly; <a href="mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com">grenadier23rd@yahoo.com</a>	Early War Kit
26-27 Sep	Brinckerhoff House	East Fishkill, NY	Dennis Murphy; <a href="mailto:djmurphy23@outlook.com">djmurphy23@outlook.com</a>	TBD
2-4 Oct	300 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bolton	Bolton, CT	Mike Miller; <a href="mailto:mars_junior@yahoo.com">mars_junior@yahoo.com</a>	TBD
3 Oct	Battle of Germantown	Philadelphia, PA	Shane Reilly; <a href="mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com">grenadier23rd@yahoo.com</a>	Early War Kit

**Event Notes:**

- Details are still being worked out on the St. David’s Dinner, but we hope to have something out shortly.

- Fort Loudon, located near Chambersburg, PA serves as the 23<sup>rd</sup>'s main event this season. The site is a pristine, re-created French and Indian War-era fort located at the base of the Appalachian Mountains. Organizers originally planned to have a Crown Forces "School of the Soldier," which included a live-fire range. This changed since a number of Continental units asked to participate as well. There will be force-on-force battles, which eliminated the live-fire option. There will still be plenty to do around camp, besides combating the rebels. It is a great site and a great opportunity for us to practice drill and maneuver.
- Dennis Murphy is organizing an event at the Brinckerhoff House in East Fishkill along with local rebel units. This should provide some fertile recruiting grounds and a chance to practice drill and marching. Dennis promised that anyone who makes the trip will not leave hungry!
- The BB is planning on a return to "the Hook" in Gloucester, VA in October 2021. I advised both George and Jack to continue their hard work out West during this season and plan on returning to the East Coast for the Hook in 2021.

-- 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. Carl Johnson  
 3508 Mill Stream Place  
 Greensboro, NC 27410  
 Phone: (704) 957-9108  
 Email: [carlivar@yahoo.com](mailto:carlivar@yahoo.com)

ii. Heather Chaffee  
 16700 Nordroff St.

Northridge, CA 93343  
Phone: (201) 450-6153  
Email: [Heath51937@aol.com](mailto:Heath51937@aol.com)

iii. [Ben Beers](#)  
[1195 Rogers Road](#)  
[Mount Airy, NC 27030](#)  
Email: [mbeers@surry.net](mailto:mbeers@surry.net)

iv. [Steven Gardner](#)  
[162 Puddin Lane](#)  
[Mansfield Center, CT 06250](#)  
Phone: (860) 9428483  
Email: [flaming54@att.net](mailto:flaming54@att.net)

Quartermaster Notes:

- **Wool:** The Regimental leadership, including our QM Ben Beers, are seeking new wool suppliers since Woolrich stopped making bulk bolts of wool. We are currently looking at different vendors in terms of price and quality to ensure our members have the best products available at a reasonable price.
- **Brasswork:** We are currently working with Roy Najecki for manufacture of our box badges (standard and Grenadier) and belt plates. I spoke with Roy at the BB meeting and he hopes to have some products available by mid to late February. For those with backordered items, I will send those out as soon as I receive them.

His Majesty's 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 thirteen 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.

Regimental dues can be paid through PayPal using the e-mail: [grenadier23rd@yahoo.com](mailto:grenadier23rd@yahoo.com). Please include a note stating "Payment for RWFIA 2020 Campaign Season"

Information on individual Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) memberships can be found at [www.brigade.org](http://www.brigade.org).

**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.***

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Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

Company Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_