



The Fusilier

Fall 2020

--From the Commander--

Gentlemen,

I hope this note finds you and your families well in this time of uncertainty. Although, what was left of the 2020 campaign season is winding down, the organizational leaders are taking the opportunity during this “tactical pause” to re-evaluate our systems and processes to increase efficiency, in terms of cost and time, for new recruits to get kitted out or for our veterans to replace worn uniforms and accouterments.

There is nothing definitive on the 2021 schedule for the British Brigade at this point, other than the Annual Meeting in January, which will be conducted virtually. There is still some activity on the Regimental calendar. Last month, Dennis Murphy coordinated an event at the Brinkerhoff House in East Fishkill, NY that the 23rd supported. A short description follows later in this newsletter. Capt. Horsefall’s company, now under the command of Gentleman Volunteer Alex Ivanchishin, will take the field in November (6-8) in Camden, SC and members of Capt Ferugson’s Company plan to take part in the Huntington Beach (CA) Historical Society American Revolution Re-enactment, February 13-15, 2021.

Most importantly, Recruit Grant R. Golden, from University Heights, Ohio, is accepted for membership in Capt. Grey Grove’s Company. Please give Grant a hearty welcome when you meet him and thanks to the efforts of Capt. Pieper and Sjt. Lucas for recruiting a new and valued troop to our ranks.

This last point is probably the most significant. While it may be difficult to plan and coordinate large events due to social distancing guidelines, it doesn’t mean we have to stop supporting ones at smaller sites. These often provide an opportunity to engage with the public more, since there isn’t the hectic pace of larger events. I would encourage our members, primarily NCOs and officers, to seek out these opportunities, with the caveat that these use their judgment and experience in determining the risks and benefits created by participating in these opportunities.

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Shane

-- Operations: 2021 Event Calendar--

Date	Event	Location	POC	Notes
6-8 Nov.	Battle of Camden	Camden, SC	Eric Spaar; eric.spaar@gmail.com	Late War Kit
Xx Jan.	British Brigade Meeting	Virtual	Shane Reilly; grenadier23rd@yahoo.com	N/A
13-15 Feb.	Huntington Beach Hist. Soc.	Huntington Beach, CA	Jack Pritchard; rwfusilier3@aol.com	

-- Brinkerhoff House Event --

Dennis Murphy, a long-standing veteran of both the 23rd and US Army, worked diligently over the past couple of months to coordinate the RWFIA's participation in this event. The colonial house and site is nestled within an East Fishkill suburban development and the annual happening was hosted by the 5th New York.

L/Sjt. Mike Miller commanded the 23rd detachment, which included privates: John Crawford (Col. Coy), Alex Miller (LI), Dennis Murphy (Col. Coy), and myself (Gren.). Dennis remained in camp to prepare and cook provisions. The site was nice and the 5th NY were very gracious hosts. We had two small actions, one in the morning, which provided the opportunity to take down the flag of the rebellion and reposition and run the colours of Great Britain up the flagpole. We had some minor skirmishing before retiring to camp.

The afternoon engagement was much more active. We pressed the rebels, in brown coats with blue facings, close to the house. Crown troops were outnumbered by about 3:1. After some volleys, Sjt. Miller advanced and halted the line, then directed us to fix and charge bayonets. It soon became evident that the 5th NY forgot what it was like to face cold steel. Jaws dropped and cartridge powder poured onto the ground instead of into barrels and pans. Sjt. Miller's order to advance seemed to increase the level of discomfort, which was only alleviated when the senior rebel asked for terms.

Overall, it was a great event and Dennis was good on his promise to feed us and make the trip worthwhile. The 5th NY is a great unit to work with and hopefully we can do more events in the future. For me personally, it was great just to put on the uniform, fire rounds, and enjoy the camaraderie I have missed over the past year. As I said in my comments, please look for smaller, local events to support, but be smart about it and do not put yourselves or others at risk.

-- 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

ii. Heather Chaffee
16700 Nordroff St.
Northridge, CA 93343
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: Heath51937@aol.com

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

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Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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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 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. 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.

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**

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Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

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