



The Fusilier

August 2021

—From the Commander—

Gentlemen,

Please take a moment today to reflect on, and if possible, hoist a glass to the heroes of Minden. Their devotion to duty, resoluteness, bravery, and camaraderie are all examples that we can use in our everyday lives in some form or fashion. Speaking of Minden, Dick Ford recommends *The Battle of Minden 1759* by Stuart Reid. He said it provides some new perspectives on the battle and personalities, including Lord Sackville. Thank you for the recommendation Major!

At the end of June, I had the opportunity to serve with the men of the 23rd's New York City detachment at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Members included Paul Astle, Mike Miller, Justin and Kyle Parker, Dan Blander, Mike Dante-Laurino, and Ken and Mike Boyle. Crown Forces units included the 35th and 42nd Regiments of Foot. The 23rd served as the Crown's main force in engagements with the Huntington Militia. The combined detachment performed well and routed the local militia throughout the weekend. Participants also held a ceremony to honor recently deceased members from our hobby, including Bob Small of the 42nd, who passed sway earlier this year. Justin worked with the 42nd to coordinate the logistical arrangements and deserves recognition for his efforts. The event was a great opportunity to get together and brush off the Covid-cobwebs.

Capt. Horsefall's Company participated in local event at Hickory Ridge on Boone, NC. Capt. Ivanchishin's report follows on the next page.

Looking ahead, the British Brigade is hosting events at Old Fort Niagara, New York (Sept 18-19) and Fort Loudon (Oct 16-17). The latter is our main event of the year. Members are still welcome to attend the Old Fort Niagara event, but our focus is on Fort Loudon. More information will be sent out as the BB releases it.

Thanks and hope to see you all on the field soon!

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Shane

Hickory Ridge Dispatch, Boone, North Carolina Capt. Alex Ivanchishin

On 24 July, a splendid occupation of Hickory Ridge, Boone NC was carried out by a most able and enthusiastic detachment of the 23rd Foot (RWFIA). Under the discipline of Sgt Ben Beers, Eric Spaar, Alex Ivanchishin, Privates Lance Cohron, Kevin McClain, Jordan Rowland, and fifer Gabe Everman were tasked to post guard, arrest rebels and seize contraband. Our small force was augmented by a local provincial unit, both under local Command that was also detached to the Hickory Ridge village. Our unit made over a dozen arrests and seized quite a lot of colonial currency keeping the Provost and his staff very busy. To ensure that the local population appreciated our seriousness to the mission we found it necessary to put on several firing demonstrations and unfortunately found ourselves engaged in a small skirmish with rebels that was quickly put to an end with several arrests.

The weather was bright and sunny; however extremely hot and humid. A full day of activity was followed by a hearty meal of sausage, onions, bread, vegetables and libations. In the evening the museum and the townspeople of Hickory Ridge treated us to first class VIP seating at their outdoor theater to watch the "Horn of the West" a play recounting the history of the region and founding of the town. Audience numbered in the hundreds for this 69th annual performance.

Thanks to Eric Spaar, before we deployed for the event, several of us spent an evening camped out in a local cabin where we drank some beer and soda by the fire pit and enjoyed a light meal before we settled into the comfort of nice beds.

Thanks to Eric for organizing the event, for the food and for the cabin, which we all enjoyed before and after the event. Also much thanks and appreciation to all who could attend: it was a long trip for some. Your attendance, enthusiasm and support are an inspiration to me, and others in the southern company. Looking forward to seeing you all at another Hillsborough company meeting and drill event on 28 August

-- Operations: 2021 Event Calendar--

- Sept. 18-19: Old Fort Niagara, NY
 - Mike Grenier gave a very in depth presentation about the site and the activities planned for the weekend. Looks like a great event, but is located near US/Canadian border.
- Sept. 25-26: Brinkerhoff House
 - Early war kit
- Oct 16-17: Fort Loudon, PA
 - This will be our Colour Event for the 2021 season
 - Located near Chambersburg, PA. This is located about 45 minutes west of Gettysburg.
 - Recreated F&I-era Provincial fort (1756) located at the base of the Appalachian Mountains and is a State-owned site ran by the township.
 - Non-public event; this means the public can attend, but it won't be advertised.
 - Tactical battle each day; continual skirmish and patrols. Jollification on Saturday night and early departure on Sunday.

- 2022
 - May 21-22, Mount Harmon, MD
 - August 13-14, Bennington, VT
 - Sept. 23-25, Sandy Hollow, PA

- American War of Independence 250th Anniversary
 - 2026: Oct 24-25, White Plains, NY (ICJ with BAR)

-- Quartermaster--

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