

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY  
23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

# Dispatch

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## Event Schedule 2021

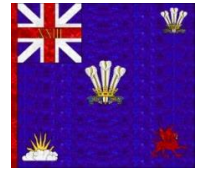
- 17 April – Drill Practice / Lunch / Wargame, Historic Hillsborough, NC
- 1-2 May – Revolutionary War Weekend, Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA
- 8 May – British Occupation of Hillsborough, NC
- 24 July – British Occupation of Hickory Ridge, Boone, NC
- 16-17 Oct – Fort Loudon, PA (British Brigade Event)
- 23-24 Oct – The American Heritage Festival, Lake City, SC
- 13-14 November – Battle of Hobkirk Hill, Kershaw, SC (Battle of Camden)

## Upcoming Events

16-17 Oct – Fort Loudon will host a British Brigade event – it is a recreated French and Indian War era Provincial fort.

23-24 Oct – The American Heritage Festival, Lake City, SC – here is the website - <https://www.theamericanheritagefestival.com/schedule> - our brothers in the 33rd will be in attendance so let's help support their local event.

13-14 Nov – Battle of Hobkirk Hill, Kershaw SC – This was a great event with a lot of participants last year – expectations are it will be even bigger this year. Attached to this newsletter is Continental Line info on the event.



## After Action Report

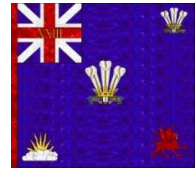
**April & May Events at Hillsborough, NC** – The first event in April was a nice practice drill event for those of us who attended Mount Vernon on 1-2 May. The 08 May event was the official British Occupation of Hillsborough that usually is on the calendar for February. We had a solid turnout for the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> and we provided numerous firing demonstrations for the crowds. Mike Glazier from the 33<sup>rd</sup> had a Revolutionary War display which we set up under one of our fly tents and it provided a nice addition to our camp.



**May 2021 – Mount Vernon** was another success with hundreds of reenactors and a tremendous number of spectators. Major Reilly led the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup>



for the weekend with our Drum Major Joe Seigel leading the music for the British Brigade. We had a good turnout for the 23<sup>rd</sup> with Alex Ivanchishin, Eric Spaar, Kevin McClain, Eric Marqueling, Jordan Rowland, Danny Spaar and Gabe Everman in attendance. The 33<sup>rd</sup> merged with our ranks and they included;



Paul Lobes, Scotty Jordan, Shannon Norris and Kelly Ford. Some old faces came out to watch and spend some time at our camp site to include; Andrew Nedelka, Keith Spaar Sr. and Keith Spaar Jr.

## Personnel Matters

We have a few new members a former member who have reenlisted – looking forward to having you in the line this year:

Richard Coyle – Fusilier / Florida

Andrew Nedelka – Grenadier / Virginia

Gary Lowden – Grenadier / Virginia

Don Bechtal – Fusilier / North Carolina

John Oakes – Fusilier / South Carolina

### Happy Birthday

May – Tim Brieaddy

June – Jez Brieaddy, Alex Ivanchishin, Jordan Rowland

July – Gary Louden, Shane Watson

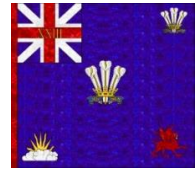
(Those are the ones I know about – sorry if I missed someone)

### Military Active Duty

**Nate Williams** U.S. Marine Corps

## Uniform Matters / Military Items

One of our own Southern Company members is an 18<sup>th</sup> century master tailor so if you need any uniform items contact **Sergeant Ben Beers**.



**Fusilier Tim Brieady** has his own company that makes t-shirts and patches – check out his website at: <https://redheadedtshirts.com/>

## Websites of Interest

23<sup>rd</sup> RWFIA - <http://rwfia.org/wp/>

Sutler G Gedney Godwin - <http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/>

Sutler Townsends - <https://www.townsends.us/>

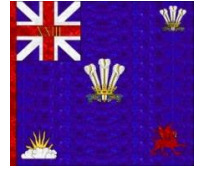
Sutler Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com/>

Sutler Najecki's - <https://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html>

## Commander's Comments

It is hard to believe that 2021 is almost at an end. The Southern Company has so far enjoyed a reasonably productive and successful season of campaigning despite the difficulties of the ever present pandemic and its restrictions. So in the remaining three months of 2021 we have two very fine events scheduled. The first one is at **Lake City, SC on 23-24 October**. A weekend event that boasts a military heritage theme covering the American Revolution, World War One and World War Two. Reenactors from these periods will be present to simulate battle encounters, provide demonstrations and historical talks for the spectators. There should be various military vehicles and WWI aircraft on display as well. The Southern Company will encamp in our usual style. There will be plenty of time for members to view the other period events and demonstrations. Looks like a great opportunity to learn more about the world wars and interact with other fellow reenactors. A good recruiting event too I suspect.

**Camden falls on the 13-14 November** this year. Camden has become a mainstay for the southern company over the years. It has also gotten better



each year in size and scope. An excellent venue for our encampment and for the battles each day. Those that attended last year can give testimony to the good times had by all. In addition to the many activities of the evening, after the battle on Saturday I would like have a more formal End of Season Dinner for all ranks. That would include tables, table settings, candle light, libations and a delicious food menu yet to be determined. **I would like to see maximum attendance at this event** to close out the year on a very high note and to celebrate and recognize our success as a company of the 23<sup>rd</sup> RWFIA.

I encourage all to attend both events; however, **if you can only do one event I strongly desire it be Camden.** *God Save the King!!*

Your Most Humble Servant,

Alex Ivanchishin, Captain, Horsefall's Company

