

## 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 at an end. The Southern Company so far enjoyed a very productive and successful season of campaigning despite the difficulties associated with the pandemic. Allow me to briefly recap the highlights: COVID delayed our usual February appearance at Hillsborough, NC (delayed until May) and cancelled yet again our Guildford Courthouse event in March. So in coordination with Historic Hillsborough, we organized a company drill and war gaming day at their site for April. Had almost every active member participate in the much needed training and drill in preparation for Mt. Vernon reenactment in May. Also a Napoleonic war game was played later that afternoon. Mt. Vernon's American Revolution Weekend had Major Reilly lead the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the multiple weekend battles with

our Drum Major Joe Seigel leading the music for the British Brigade. We enjoyed a great turnout from the Southern Company supporting this event and for the first time in many years, no rain. We returned again to Hillsborough after Mt. Vernon later in May to support their annual British Occupation of Hillsborough, NC History Day. Two very busy months with high enthusiasm and participation rates from all in the company.

In July the Southern Company was again invited to attend the British Occupation of Hickory Ridge, Boone, NC. This small event was attended by a detachment of 23rd Fusiliers representing elements of a sizable foraging party looking for supplies and any escaped Continentals and Rebel Militia. Our contingent manned checkpoints, searched civilians for rebellious material and made some arrests. A small skirmish and weapons demonstrations rounded out our fun. Later that evening we were treated by our host to free attendance at a play reliving the struggle between the Crown and local Rebel settlers in the area. Highly recommend the annual event and seeing the play if anyone is in the area while it is showing. We planned on another drill and wargame session for August but several members were injured so that was cancelled. Our next big activity was scheduled for third weekend in October at Lake City, SC for the American Military Heritage Festival where we would reenact the Revolutionary War while also mingling with and observing WW1 and WW2 reenactors doing their interpretations. We were ready to go but alas that event was cancelled and will be pushed into 2022. Finally, Camden in November. A great turnout, I fielded at last for the first time as your officer commanding the company, new members joined the Regiment, others rejoined, a former member fielded after years on hiatus, a fusilier traveled from California to be with us and we appear to have snagged a few potential recruits (Eric is working with them now). You all can be proud of your efforts in attendance, improving your drill, and recruiting this year. We are 14 active members and are working half a dozen potential recruits. Next year is shaping up to be better yet—COVID willing.

Last note: At Camden I formally welcomed Tim, Lance, Jordan, Kevin, and Shane into the Regiment as Privates, Richard as a returning veteran, Eric Bothur as new member recruit and Sabastian for rejoining after a year away. Hope to see all of you again in 2022—we've got a good schedule of events in the making.

Well as we enter winter quarters I direct you to the Uniform and Equipment Care and Maintenance Guide Ben compiled and was distributed to all. Time

flies. Before you know it the campaign season will be upon us, especially down south where events begin as early as February. So take some time to fix what needs fixing, thoroughly clean your equipment and study up on the drill. If you do not have the Guide I described let me know and we'll get that to you. I will also make sure everyone has the drill manual. We posted a U-Tube video of the drill performed by the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot a while back. If you don't have it, look up **1764 Manual of Arms and Additional Maneuvers** on U-Tube. There are several other videos of the drill...like **The British Drill—The 1764 Manual Exercise** presented by the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday season and a Great New Year.

*God Save the King!!*

Your Most Humble Servant,

Alex Ivanchishin, Captain, Horsefall's Company

