



The Fusilier

April- May 2017

Friends and Fellow Fusiliers,

To get this newsletter started on a good note, I would like to welcome Mike Laurino to our Grenadier Company as a new recruit. He is friends with Justin Parker and is a welcome addition. Please give him a friendly hello and welcome him to the 23rd (except for the RSM—by regulation he's not allowed to be friendly with anyone.)

The campaign season is nearly upon us. Capt. Horsefall's Company, under the leadership of GV Eric Spaar, is returning from an event at Mount Vernon (May 6-7) and participated in the Guilford Courthouse event in March. L. Cpl. Michael Miller led a detachment of Lights during a local event in Ridgefield, Connecticut on April 29th. I enclosed his description of the event following the campaign season schedule. L. Cpl. Miller and his troops supported the HM 54th Regiment of Foot under Capt. Steven Gardener, who were attempting to restore Royal order in the area. In two weeks, the 23rd is sending a small detachment to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to the Army Heritage Days Event, an annual timeline living history event and the month after that L. Cpl. Justin Parker of the Grenadiers is hosting a "Drill Day" on Long Island (June 3rd). The end of June is our first major foray against the rebels at Short Hills, near Edison, NJ (June 24-25).

The implied task is that if you have not paid your dues, send them in to your CO. Grenadiers, Lights and Colonel's Company go to RSM Astle. Company Commanders, you need to send your unit's dues to the Adjutant, GV David Leslie-Hughes. If you want to play, you need pay and ensure that you are covered under the unit insurance policy.

Finally, this season marks the final wearing of the full gaiters during the spring, summer and autumn campaign season. The 23rd is transitioning to the half-gaiter for the campaign season. Long gaiters may still be reserved for use at winter events to formal ceremonies (i.e. Colour Guard, Honour Guard, etc.). I strongly suggest all members have both full and half-gaiters, but the priority is on obtaining the half-gaiters if you're a new recruit. The official fielding date for the half-gaiters is August 1st, 2017.

Signed,

Major Shane Reilly

Schedule (2017):

Company Designations: GLICC-Grenadier/Light Infantry/Colonel's Companies; GG- Capt. Grey Grove's Company; FR- Capt. Ferguson's Company; HF-Capt. Horsefall's Company

~~March 18-19—Battle of Guilford Courthouse—Greensboro, NC (HF)~~

~~April 29—Ridgefield, CT Event (GLICC)~~

~~May 6-7—Mount Vernon, VA (HF)~~

May 20-21—Army Heritage Days—Carlisle, PA—(GLICC): check www.usahec.org for more details and information

May 20-21—Brattonsville, SC (HF)

June 3—Manor of St. George, Shirley, NY (GLICC)

June xx-xx—Cedar Creek, VA (HF)-More to follow

June 24-25—Battle of Short Hills—Edison, NJ—(GLICC)

August 5-6—Old Sturbridge Village—Sturbridge, MA—(GLICC)

September 16-17—Battle of Brandywine (Sandy Hollow)—Brandywine, PA—(COLOUR)

October 7—Battle of Germantown—Philadelphia, PA—(GLICC)

November 4-5—Hope Lodge Encampment—Fort Washington, PA—(GLICC)

Schedule (2018):

July 14-15—Fort Ticonderoga, NY

September 15-16—Mount Harmon Plantation, MD

Schedule (2019):

May 4-5—Mount Vernon, Alexandria, VA

Sep ??—Battle of the Hook, Gloucester, VA

Dispatch from Lance-Corporal Miller on the action near Ridgefield, Connecticut:

“You asked for my impressions of the 240th anniversary of the Battle of Ridgefield. I cannot recommend this event enough. The battle was a running skirmish, along a completely closed off main street, from barricade to barricade, with the Light Infantry of the 23rd, attached to the 9th Regiment, acting as the spearhead. The crowds were overwhelming, people were everywhere and, I can say truthfully, I have never talked to some many people, nor answered so many questions. We were allowed to go into selected stores and take out predetermined items to smash. There were small fires lit also in the street. The 23rd LI, in conjunction with the 9th and 54th regiments, was involved in the taking of a sniper about midway through the event, which by the way was about 3 hours of almost continuous fighting, we had to clear two rooms as we ascended the stairs to the room in which the sniper was located then, return to the street to clear a path through the crowd so the 54th could bring him out. The crowd really got into it. After the last barricade was taken the battle portion of the event came to an end with the firing of a cannon into the

Keeler Tavern. Then a ceremony, which always take to long, and a slow march back to the British camp. One of, if not the, best events I have ever been to.

If this one comes round again and, the town puts as much into it as they did this time, it would be one not to be missed. The only drawback was the heat, amplified by the pavement. They did have plenty of water and food along the way however.”

II. Quartermaster

The Regiment did purchase three bolts of wool (Red, Blue, White) for the OR coats. I am also in the process of ordering Regimental lace through Roy Najecki. I also sent him an OR cap cord to see if he can make them and what the cost would be.

The 23rd is still searching for a source/maker for bearskin caps. Please let Major Reilly know if you are interested. Ron can send the instructions. We have materials (not including cap plates) for one, possibly two caps.

Ordering Procedures: I received the Regimental Stores from Ron Turfitt. 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:

David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934

Once David receives your check, he will contact me regarding the order and I will mail it out. Recruits, if you have any questions regarding the uniform or purchasing items, please consult with your Company leadership.

Be advised that we are currently out of wool for Other Ranks coats and cap cords. We are in the process of ordering more wool and are looking for a new manufacturer for cap cords.

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
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411

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)

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

His Majesty's
23rd 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 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 13 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. An addition fee of \$25.00 is required for membership in the Brigade of the American Revolution.

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.

Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: _____

Company: _____

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____