



The Fusilier

May - June 2021

--From the Commander--

Gentlemen,

Last weekend, the Eastern companies of the 23rd participated in our first pandemic-era event at Mount Vernon. The smell of campfires and gunpowder, sun-drenched fields, and dawdling maneuvering by the rebels were a welcome escape from videoconferences and the 21st century. The most encouraging thing however, was seeing both new faces and those I have known since I started in the RWFIA in 1989. The combination of a new corps of troops interacting with veterans, whose roots in the 23rd predate mine, is an encouraging sign for our organization. A more detailed description of the Mount Vernon event is included later in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, the 23rd is traveling to Long Island for an encampment and skirmish at Old Bethpage Village. Dennis Murphy is working on an event on September 25-26, near East Fishkill, NY and our Colour event is scheduled at Fort Loudon—a recreated French and Indian War fort—located near Chambersburg, PA.

If you are a former member, we encourage you to return to the ranks. Fill out a membership application so that we can update our records, send in your dues, and clean off the kit. For those who are unable to or do not plan on rejoining the unit, please consider selling pieces of or your entire kit. We have new members who are anxious to join the ranks and your contributions will help them get into the line faster.

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

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Shane

Mount Vernon Event

The 23rd contained a combination of new recruits including Gabe Everman (fifer), Kevin McClain, and Jordan Rowland. Familiar faces included GV Alex Ivanchishin, GV David Leslie-Hughes, RDM Joe Siegel, Eric Marqueling, Daniel and Eric Spaar. Seeing both Keith Spaar and Andrew Nedelka were unexpected surprises. The latter reenlisted and we are looking forward to seeing him on the field soon!

The Crown Forces contained two battalions. The 23rd was brigaded with the 1st New Jersey Volunteers and the (Hessian) Regiment von Hyun (Saturday only). Saturday morning both battalions rehearsed advancing by Indian files, open order, and passing through ranks. There were morning and afternoon scenarios on each day. Mr. Washington was present on the afternoon of each day, which implied a Crown Force defeat or retreat. Jay Weatherbee of the 1NJV commanded the battalion during the Saturday morning battle. The engagement went well and we drove the rebels with minimal resistance.

Brigadier McGaughey directed me to command the battalion for the remaining three scenarios. On Saturday afternoon we engaged the rebels, who launched a bayonet charge. Our battalion fixed bayonets and countercharged. The brigadier—in accordance with the site's wishes—ordered our force to retreat and yield the field, which we did. Sunday morning we attacked and took the field back and that afternoon we once more handed it to the rebels.

Eric Spaar did a fantastic job of providing meals, feeding our contingent, and running the 23rd firing line when I was commanding the battalion. Overall it was a fun event. Remarkably, there was not a drop of rain the entire and our new recruits were proficient and safe on the battlefield. This was a great start to the campaign season and I hope to see you on the field of battle soon!

-- Operations: 2021 Event Calendar--

- June 26-27: Old Bethpage Village Restoration
 - 1303 Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, NY 11804
 - Two full boxes for skirmishing
 - Early war kit
- 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--

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 form 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. Mike Grillo
9 Shady Lane
Scarsdale, NY 10583
Phone: (347) 804-9763
Email: rwffuz94@aol.com

ii. Carl Johnson
3508 Mill Stream Place
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone: (704) 957-9108
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Northridge, CA 93343
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[Mount Airy, NC 27030](#)
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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.

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:

**Capt. 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

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____