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ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS IN AMERICA

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SUBJECT: End of Year Letter, 2021

Fellow Fusiliers,

The end of the 2021 campaign season provides an opportunity to reflect on the past twelve months, the contemporary state of the Regiment, and our future orientation.

This last season provided an opportunity for our ranks to dust off the cobwebs and take the field at a multitude of locations. These included Mount Vernon, Old Bethpage Village, Fort Loudon, Camden, and other locations. The number of new faces and returning veterans is the very encouraging, ensuring the organization's longevity. The patient and deliberate recruiting efforts by Capt. Ferguson's, Capt. Horsefall's, and the Flank Companies expanded unit memberships on the West Coast, Southeast, and in the New York City metropolitan area, respectively. Their varying methods and approaches provide a range of models for building personnel strength in a geographic area. I am also supported by an excellent command and staff element, who are visible in directing troops at events and also work very important issues off of the field to ensure our volunteer operation is working to support the 23rd's membership.

While the RWFIA is doing well, we should not become complacent. For our musketeers: continue to work on the drill, polish brasswork, whiten the belts, and roll cartridges. For company officers and NCOs, ensure that your troops understand the standards, instruct them, and help recruits assemble their kit. For staff, continue to think of new and innovative ways that we, collectively, can support the organization and our ranks. On my end, I will do my best to support all of you and coordinate our efforts through the British Brigade.

As we enter the 2022 season, the RWFIA continues to make steady progress in membership number and appearance. The former is generated by the extensive recruiting efforts at varying types of events and the latter from the meticulous research of primary source materials by professional historians and materiel culture experts. Your efforts helped the 23rd not only to maintain a presence, but expand as the Nation nears the start of the Semiquincentennial of the American War of Independence in April 2025.

I hope to see you on the field during the 2022 campaign season.

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Commanding