



The Flash

Col's Co, RWF in America

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Here Comes the Sun

With the world hopefully passing into healthier times we've got events on tap and hopefully more will pop up as we go forward. If there is some local site or event you want to support, let us know.

I think you know by now I am a big supporter of small local events. They get people's attention and help keep the history of the time alight. Even if you don't think it's something that you want to share with us that you've done. Get out the word.

Personally, I live about 10 miles from Hope Lodge and maybe a mile and a half from another colonial era farmhouse where I've regularly volunteered with projects. I wouldn't ask anyone else to make the trip down here for the Morgan Log house but I by showing up there when I can I help them, keep my hand in practice and project the 23rd as *the* regiment for reenacting.

War relics

The Army Corp of engineers is deepening channels leading to the port in the city of Savannah Georgia to improve the harbor there and in twelve months they have brought up 15 British cannons from the revolutionary period.

The question is what ship are they from? At first it was thought they were from HMS Rose that was sunk as a block ship in the harbor during the revolution to prevent the French from reinforcing the city, but this has been discredited as the Rose was disarmed before she was sunk and she was further up the river so

right now it is a guess to see what they have uncovered beyond confirmed British cannons.

More exciting is the fact this shows that nearly 250 years after the war we are still discovering new things.

Sad News

I heard from Peter Ford this week that Fred Denton who had been the Sgt of the grenadier company many years ago passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 14th . Most of us now in the ranks never served with Fred but the RWFIA has bene around for half a century and.

If you go to the current home page of the British Brigade, the first image is on our Drum Major marching down rows of troops. That is the quality of the RWFIA, and where we are now on a path of ability and quality was set down by people like him

More Sad News

James Townsend, who founded the suttlers *James Townsend and Son* passed away of natural causes at the end of January. His son John has been running the business for some time, but it was James who started it and was able to spend his life doing what we might all aspire to of bringing the 18th century world into the 20th and 21st Centuries.

I had the pleasure of meeting him at an event in the early 90's when we were both walking back to where vehicles were stored, and he was wonderfully charming and happy to answer my questions about supply and the business.

Events

So far on the schedule for the Cols/Gren/Lt company we have

April- Battle of Ridgefield Connecticut, 30 April - 1 May 2022. Another event set up by Mike Miller about an hour north of Westchester and so in easy driving distance for a lot of us even if you just go up for the day then drive home to sleep in your own bed.

A lot of Mike's stuff is fairly local and easy to reach and by us supporting each other, everyone gets a good time.

September – Sandy Hollow Pennsylvania, the big event of the year sept 24-25. This is a wonderful site we've used before just outside Philadelphia-Memorable

for the last time we had an event there for the organizers playing the score to *Hamilton* on the tannoy when there wasn't any action going on and for a certain RSM facing down a Prius that wandered onto the battlefield. For all that it's a great site and easy to reach, this should be good.

November- The first Saturday in November is as ever Hope Lodge.

St. David's Day

March 1 was, of course St. David's Day. While we didn't get together for a large dinner hopefully each of you were able to take a moment to offer up a thought and hopefully toast to our patron Saint.

Several of us were able to be together that Saturday under unusual circumstances. Ask me when we meet. I'm not putting this one down in writing.

I'm hoping that at some point we will again be able to meet up for a full ceremony. I have been keeping track of who has leeks coming. Just to float an idea, while someone going from Captain to major is certainly leek worthy, I would think someone going from Major to captain-lieutenant would also rate the hardy produce.

Dues.

I saved the worst for last, but they are needed. For those of you who sent in your checks to me already, THANK YOU! For the rest, please get them in. We need the money to keep fielding and it's not fair for others to shoulder the burden while you enjoy the fruits of it.