



## *The Flash*

*Col's Co, RWF in America*

Summer 2022

### **Minden**

August 1 will, as usual note the anniversary of Minden when in 1759 six regiments of British infantry overthrew three unbroken lines of French Cavalry, won the battle and changed the direction of the war in Europe.

The six regiments were the 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup>, and 51<sup>st</sup>.

It was when the British infantry first displayed the quality and discipline that would become a hall mark of the British army ever after, and it is one of the most auspicious battle honors.

So, on August first, take a moment and raise your glass in memory of those fusiliers long past and what they did.

### **Sad News**

I note with some degree of sadness the passing of Ben Beer's dad. Ben's been with the regiment for many years now and a lot of us will remember his dad being supportive and friendly at events.

Before he was in the southern company Ben was in the Colonel's company, took part in the Memorial for Princess Diana, where he was referred to, even by himself, as the 'Regimental Hobbit.'

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ben and his family at this time.

## Small clothes

As you know by now, we are going over to wool small clothes by the beginning of the 2025 season. Don't wait to the last minute to get them or there will be a rush of orders and people might be left out.

We're working on getting a list of who's ok as a vender, because you need to get breeches and waist coat from the same place to ensure your wool matches up.

This unfortunately means that Townsends, who has been so wonderful for these supplies for years, is off the list. We can still get shirts and stockings and shoes etc but not small clothes. They do a wool waist coat that is period correct but when I contacted them about doing wool breeches, explaining the issue, they said it was too difficult to work on their machines for breeches. They were very nice about it. But we have to be, well, uniform.

## Events

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

**July-** The weekend of July 22-23 we will have a table at the Historicon in Lancaster PA.

This is a recruiting event as people with an interest in military history will be showing up and shown as Peter Ford was always fond of saying "You don't have to just watch."

The event is running Thursday through Sunday but we'll be there Friday and Saturday with the idea being we can spell each other at the table while others move through the event.

You got to love an event where just wearing our uniform and moving through a room can generate interest.

The address is 25 S Queen St Lancaster PA 17603

**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.

