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The Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum at Caernarfon Castle –
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Commander's Comments

Another year and campaign season is coming to a close. I dare say the Southern Company had a very good year. We attended a record 9 events, including our usual core events Hillsborough, Guilford CH, Mt Vernon, and Camden. The highlight of 2022 was our first northern event in early war kit at Brandywine. A new experience for many of our southern campaigners who were newly introduced to the bearskin cap (and the “bite of the Bear”), the hanger (sword) for grenadiers, wigs for all and short gaiters. The two day reenacted battle was held on a significant portion of the actual battlefield where Lord Cornwallis swept down from the north and outflanked Washington's army causing a desperate retreat and defeat. Some of our new guys from the south met some of their northern brethren for the first time and enjoyed campaigning and camping with them. Brandywine also proved to be a recruiting event, snagging a new fusilier, Denis Messier for our Company.

Hopefully we can attend a northern early war event each year leading up to the 250th Anniversary period. Next event would be the Battle of Monmouth, NJ in June 2023. I am planning a special enticement to encourage/motivate a strong turnout for Monmouth from the southern company. Details to follow in coming months.

A few things to reflect upon for 2022. Southern Company attendance at events grew; our ranks have also grown to over 20 dues paying members with several promising potential recruits in the wings. Several members of the Company demonstrated their commitment and ability to accept greater responsibility within the Company and were promoted to NCO ranks. Additionally, a well-deserved recognition program was instituted recognizing individuals for sustained attendance at events, appearance, drill and field performance. Special recognition was also given to members for outstanding service to the Company and Regiment.



As we enter winter quarters I get to harp on the usual: refer to the Uniform and Equipment Guide, clean and service your uniform and equipment for the next season. Endeavor to complete your kit by acquiring what you still need. We've made strides in getting everyone gaitered trousers for the late war kit and we are working to get the wool small clothes we need for the 250th Anniversary events. As the 2023 campaign season nears, review your drill and maneuvers. With new recruits in the ranks, more drill, not less will be a priority.

Some of the new fusiliers and recruits did not understand what "*Taking the Kings shilling*" meant so a more elaborate explanation is at the end of this Dispatch.

Annual reenlistments and dues (\$35) will be collected earlier this year in January so be ready. Details on collection will follow soon.

Additionally, a critical supply question was answered—how much bacon is enough to support our gastronomical needs in camp? It was determined that 9 pounds (on hand at Camden) was too much and 3 pounds too little (at Brandywine). Somewhere in between is just right. 5 ½ pounds seemed to satisfy our 12 members at Camden. An algorithm will be developed to ensure the right amount of bacon is supplied at all our events.

So that's it for now. I'm proud to serve and play with you all. It is both challenging and a lot of fun. I enjoy our time together, the history and the comradery.

Hope to see you all in camp and on the field once again ***For God and Country—God Save the King!***

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