

THE SOUTHERN COMPANY
23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers in America
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Event Schedule 2023

(Bold/Black events are set / others are tentative / Red completed)

January 8 – Battle of Princeton, Princeton, NJ

January 13 & 14 – LUSO Movie production, Charlotte, NC

February 18 & 19 – American Heritage Festival, Lake City, SC

March 11 & 12 - Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC & St. David's Day Dinner (Saturday 11 March)

March 25 - British occupation of Hillsborough, Hillsborough NC

Apr 29 & 30 – Market Fair, Fort Frederick, MD

May 6 & 7 - Mount Vernon Revolutionary War Days, Alexandria VA

June 10-12 – Old Stone House, Salisbury, NC

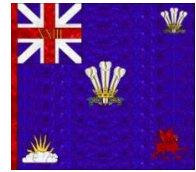
June 17 & 18 – Battle of Monmouth, Monmouth, NJ (BRITISH BRIGADE EVENT)

June 25 - Historic Hillsborough Excursion Day, Hillsborough NC (One day event)

July 20-23 – HISTORICON Wargaming Convention, Lancaster, PA

July 29 – Boone, NC -Hickory Ridge Museum-British Occupation / unit cancelled

Sept 23 & 24 – Endview Plantation, Yorktown, VA / weather cancelled



November 11 & 12 – Battle of Camden/Hobkirk’s Hill, Kershaw, SC & End of Campaign season dinner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNITED STATES NAVY 248 YEARS

Royal Welch Fusiliers in America that have served in the Navy: Denis Messier, Kenneth E. Spaar Sr. & Midshipman Rory Moran, NROTC at UNC Chapel Hill

Upcoming Events

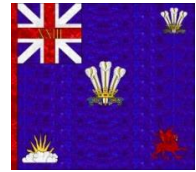
November 10, 11 & 12 – Battle of Camden/Stono Ferry, Kershaw, SC—we close out our campaign season at the Battle of Camden and Battle of Stono Ferry. The traditional Battle of Camden will take place on Sunday. See attached detailed information on the battle scenario in the email. On Saturday we will reenact the Stono Ferry fight. See attached information on the scenario in the email. I urge everyone to take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the battle details. That will make my job easier when I come back from Officer’s meeting to explain what we are going to do for the battles. As usual there will be a Guy Fawkes evening event burning in effigy and a Tavern with libations and snacks of many kinds and live music.

This is a big event and gets better every year. Let’s strive to have a maximum turnout. Additionally, this year we are planning an End of Campaign Dinner at the Tavern within Historic Camden on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm – food can be purchased at BBQ vendors on site – unit leadership will provide some sides, beer and wine.

Turnout looks great so far—expecting around 21-23 all ranks to attend.

2024 Preliminary Schedule

January 7 – Battle of Princeton – Princeton, NJ



February – American Heritage Festival, Lake City, SC

March 16-17– Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC

April – Historic Hillsborough, NC Revolutionary War Weekend

May 4-5 – Mount Vernon Revolutionary War Days, Alexandria, VA

July – Old Fort Niagara, NY

July 11-14 – HISTORICON, Lancaster, PA

November 15-17 – Battle of Camden, Kershaw, SC



After Action Report

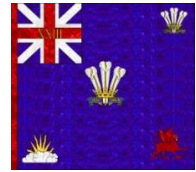
July 20-23 – HISTORICON Wargaming Convention, Lancaster, PA – Alex Ivanchishin, Bob Clarke, and Mike Lung attended this year. The unit did not set up a display.

July 29 – Boone, NC -Hickory Ridge History Museum-British Occupation – Cancelled / lack of interest in attending.

Sept 23 & 24 – Endview Plantation, Yorktown, VA – Cancelled / weather.

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00October 19 – Yorktown, VA. Alex Ivanchishin and Jordan Rowland attended the 242nd anniversary festivities/celebration of the surrender at Yorktown. Visited the American Revolution Museum, Victory Center, Historic Yorktown including the Victory Monument (one heck of a towering monument), the British positions, 1st and 2nd siege lines, redoubts 9 and 10 and Moore House. Some areas of the battlefield (access to the Allied portions roads were closed off due to we know not why) and of course we paid our respects to the Fusilier Redoubt where the 23rd



Foot successfully repulsed two French assaults on their position. The flag was not flying...think it should have been on this occasion at the very least.

There was some special dedication ceremony having to do with the Spanish and the Spanish Ambassador to the US, in passing with an escort of British and Colonial officer reenactors, happened to see Jordan in his 23rd shirt, engaged him in conversation saying he knew the RWF having studied in Wales in his earlier years. Certainly a highlight of Jordan's day.

Personnel Matters

Personnel updates within the Southern Company:

New Joins – Monty Dixon, Thomas “BEAR” Walling, Greg Brunson & Micah Brunson

Happy Birthday

October - Thomas “BEAR” Walling

November – Jon Spaar Jr., Ben Beers

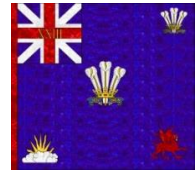
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Captain Nate Williams, USMC – Nate is back on the East Coast and with 6th Communications Battalion, New York City.

2nd Lt. Jon Spaar Jr. USA – In June Jon started the Army's Infantry Officer School at Fort Moore (Benning), Georgia. Upon completion of required schools he will report to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Liberty (Bragg), NC.

Uniform Matters / Military Items

The Regiment is moving toward a new Cartridge Box Badge – it is like one of our earlier versions – we will discuss distribution at the Camden event in November.



One of our own Southern Company members is an 18th century master tailor so if you need any uniform items contact **Sergeant Ben Beers**.

Corporal Tim Brieaddy has his own company that makes t-shirts and patches – check out his website at: <https://redheadedtshirts.com/>

Regimental authorized tailors/seamstresses

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G Gedney Godwin - <http://gggodwin-com.3dcartstores.com/>

Townsend's - <https://www.townsend.us/>

Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com/>

Sampson Historical - <https://www.samsonhistorical.com/>

Najecki's - <https://www.najecki.com/repro/reproindex.html>

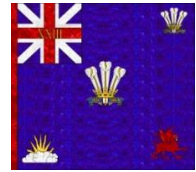
Websites of Interest

The Royal Welsh - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/infantry/royal-welsh/>

23rd RWFIA - <http://rwfia.org/wp/>

The Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR) – <https://www.brigade.org/>

The British Brigade - <https://www.britishbrigade.org/>



The Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum – <https://rwfmuseum.org.uk>

The museum held a RWF Fest at Wrexham Hightown Barracks on October 7th. Be sure to check out the museum’s webpage for upcoming events.

The Regimental Museum has a way for individuals to support the museum's work - it's called Friends of the Museum. They will be having speaker events that may be of interest to the members. Use the following link to sign up.

The link: <https://www.rwfmuseum.org.uk/friends-of-the-museum.html>

Commander’s Comments

We will be gathering for our final campaign event in a few weeks at Camden, SC. This year we have added an end of season dinner on Friday evening at a historic tavern discovered by Eric and Lance in Camden. Looking back on 2023, we completed 9 events with Camden pending. If it wasn’t for weather cancellations we’d have done more. The busiest year yet with great participation. Let’s close out the year at Camden “in fine fashion.” That’s old English for accomplishing something with style and excellence.

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

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Your Most Humble Servant,

Alex Ivanchishin, Captain
23rd Regiment of Foot
Horsfall’s Company
RWFIA

Attachments in email:

- Event Details
- Camden_Nov23
- Stono Ferry_Nov23