



# The FUSILIER 250<sup>th</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot 1773 -1783

The Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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Honorary Colonel of the American Battalion

Lt. General J. Riley CB DSO

Regimental Commander Major Geo. Mack

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**Welcome Fusiliers, Distaff, Pensioners and Associate Members to the 250<sup>th</sup>**

Anniversary of the Revolutionary War , we will celebrate, demonstrate living History, Engage in Reenactments of the Battles and Events. Most of all we Honor our Regiment and all the Combatants.

**Coming Events:** Through out the 250th we plan on Reunion get togethers, putting up some marquees tables chairs food and merriment , uniforms and period dress welcome but not necessary at most sites.

Capt. Horfall's Coy. Event, Guilford Court House – March 16-17th 2024, this is turning out to be a large Fusilier event , 35 Fusiliers, +5 33rd soldiers and many distaff. Friday night wargaming at Air BB , Saturday Battles, evening is **SAINT DAVID'S DAY** Dinner for all (sign up asap to Sjt Spaar) after dinner more wargaming , Sunday finale Battles, more info to follow...

**March 15-16 -- Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC with Friday Night Wargaming & Saturday Night St. David's Day Dinner**

**April 6 or 13 -- British occupation of Hillsborough, Hillsborough NC**

**April 13-15 -- Battle Road (MMNP) and Lexington Green (some members of the regiment must attend for the 23rd to be eligible to participate in the 250th in 2025)**

**April 25-28 -- Market Fair, Fort Frederick, MD**

**May 3-5 -- Mount Vernon Revolutionary War Days, Alexandria VA**

**July 17-21 -- HISTORICON Wargaming Convention, Lancaster, PA**

**July 27-28 -- Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY (BRITISH BRIGADE EVENT)**

**27 & 28 April      March through Redding, Redding, CT**

**18 May              300 Anniversary Samuel Huntington House, Scotland, CT**

### **Passed Events:**

Horsfall's Coy November 10-12 – Camden, SC. We had a great event in some respects;

however, the weather did not cooperate at all. On Friday evening we had our first

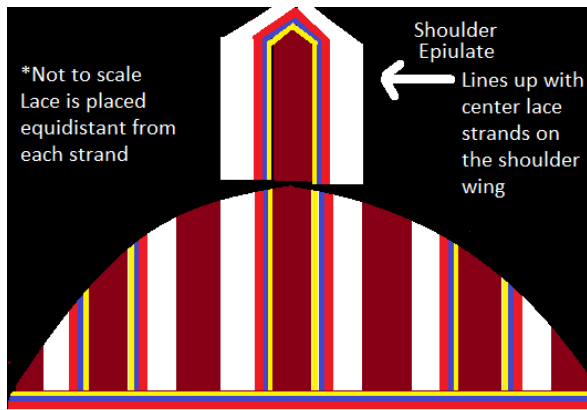
**End of Campaign Dinner**

attended by 19 Fusiliers and five family members. It was the perfect venue—good food,

some singing, toasts and presentations – a fun time for all with plenty of comradery. We will

be incorporating this End of Season Dinner into our Camden event next year as well.

## Uniform and Accoutrements.



**Grenadier shoulder Wing and turnback Bomb** updates for your grenadier uniforms , change of your wing style and turn back Badge, contact your company leader ship for more information. ASAP

"Gaiters being first designed to prevent the dirt and gravel from getting into the shoes, and thereby galling the soldiers feet upon a march, the greatest pains should be taken to answer thoroughly that purpose, by shaping them to the leg without wrinkles, to come down low upon the quarters of the shoe, and to have their tongues full large enough to cover the buckles, without rising from them, on every motion of the foot: stout grey linen answers best for gaiters to be blacked, and as that sort only are, with great propriety, for some time past, in general use throughout the Army (white gaiters being merely for parade and show, and by no means calculated for a soldier's convenience) they do not require being made longer, than just to meet the kneeband of the breeches, as a stiff leather top, like those to huzzar boots, is occasionally added to them, which buckles behind above the calf, entirely covers the pan of the knee, defends it when kneeling in the strings, and is a considerable addition to the good appearance of the leg: small horn, or metal buttons, without\* shanks, are best adapted to these gaiters, as they will last for years; and it will contribute greatly to their fitting tight and smooth upon the leg.."



**ASAP**



**Button Hook**

### **New Carriage box Badge like original**

These badges are now coming out in 10 badge quantities at a time. They are sand cast the way the originals were done and that is how they can be done in smaller more detailed quantities. As mentioned, they will be \$80.00 each. Anyone not wanting to pay that need to send me their old badge with \$10.00 and I will gladly swap them. That being said those paying the full price will get first priority. Start getting your lads to make this switch and as soon as possible.

money or badges to me:  
George Mack  
4423 W. Summerside Rd.  
Laveen, AZ 85339-7739

Again for reference, we have the original and the current copy with mods so it may NOT be passed off as an original.



**New Button coming**

### **Shoes:**

Rough or smooth side out, but rough out lasts longer and wears better over time.

### **Townsend's**

[www.townsend's.us](http://www.townsend's.us)

**1-800-338-1665**

Men's 18th century buckle shoes (buckles not included)

\$145.00

- 1/2 sizes available
- Most sizes normally stocked
- Free S&H over \$75
- Smooth out ONLY
- Item #CS-925
- Follow instructions on the page below to order

<https://www.townsend's.us/collections/shoes/products/mens-18th-century-buckle-shoes-cs-925>

### **South Union Mills**

[www.southunionmills.com](http://www.southunionmills.com)

18th Century Buckle Shoe (buckles not included)

\$169.00

- No 1/2 sizes
- Some sizes in stock, if not 4-6 weeks
- Order a size SMALLER than normally worn as they run larger according to their web site
- Smooth out ONLY

<https://www.southunionmills.com/18th-century-buckle-shoe/>

**GGGodwin**

[www.gggodwin.com](http://www.gggodwin.com)

1-610-783-0670

Men's All-Purpose Colonial Shoe [#GMS2] (buckles not included)

\$104.00

- 4-6 week turnaround
- Rough out ONLY

[https://www.gggodwin.com/Mens-All-Purpose-Colonial-Shoe-GMS2\\_p\\_758.html](https://www.gggodwin.com/Mens-All-Purpose-Colonial-Shoe-GMS2_p_758.html)

**Shoe Buckles:**

**Brass only.**

**GGGodwin**

[www.gggodwin.com](http://www.gggodwin.com)

1-610-783-0670

Soldier's Shoe Buckle, Brass [#96]

\$34.75

- Sold as a pair

[https://www.gggodwin.com/Soldiers-Shoe-Buckle-Brass-96\\_p\\_43.html](https://www.gggodwin.com/Soldiers-Shoe-Buckle-Brass-96_p_43.html)

**Stockings:**

**White, COTTON for summer dress.**

**Townsend's**

[www.townsend's.us](http://www.townsend's.us)

**1-800-338-1665**

Cotton Stockings, Made in USA

\$18.00

- White recommended
- Item #SP-754
- Free S&H over \$75

<https://www.townsend's.us/collections/stockings/products/cotton-stockings-sp-754?variant=14827105943663>

**Stockings:**

**White, WOOL for winter dress, in case anyone needs them (not seen underneath full gaiters so it doesn't matter as much).**

**Townsend's**

[www.townsend.us](http://www.townsend.us)

**1-800-338-1665**

Wool Stockings

\$40.00

- Off-white recommended
- Item #SP-755
- Over the knee, Made in USA
- Free S&H over \$75

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/stockings/products/wool-stockings-sp-755?variant=14827381915759>

**South Union Mills**

[www.southunionmills.com](http://www.southunionmills.com)

18th Century Common Heel Stocking

\$59.95

- 2-Ply 100% wool
- Hand Knitted, made in USA
- Three sizes to choose from, thigh length
- Natural White is the color to order

<https://www.southunionmills.com/18th-century-common-heel-stocking/>

**1/2 Gaiters:**

**Black canvas, these will require a bit of tailoring, but not the end of the world.**

**Townsend**

[www.townsend.us](http://www.townsend.us)

**1-800-338-1665**

1/2 length Spatterdashes (instructions included) Made in USA

\$94.00

- Black Canvas, 4 sizes available will require measuring calf to determine what size to be selected
- Item #SB-984
- Free S&H over \$75

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers/products/half-length-spatterdashes-black-new-version>

**Woolen Waiscoat:**

**natural white wool, these will require a bit of measuring, but not difficult when wearing the shirt.**

**Regimental buttons will need to be swapped with the buttons they arrive with, but those buttons can be used as spares**

**Townsend**

[www.townsend.us](http://www.townsend.us)

**1-800-338-1665**

1770's Waistcoat in Wool

\$180.00

- Off-white, will require measuring to determine what size to be selected, Made in USA

- Item #SW-130
- 3-5 weeks for delivery
- Free S&H over \$75

<https://www.townsends.us/collections/mens-waistcoats/products/1770s-waistcoat-in-wool>

**GGGodwin**

[www.gggodwin.com](http://www.gggodwin.com)

1-610-783-0670

Civilian or Military Woolen [#MW2]

\$134.00

- Wool with pewter buttons
- Some slight adjustments might be needed

[https://www.gggodwin.com/Civilian-or-Military-1770s-Waistcoat-Wool-MW2\\_p\\_274.html](https://www.gggodwin.com/Civilian-or-Military-1770s-Waistcoat-Wool-MW2_p_274.html)

### **Woolen Breeches:**

**Rough or smooth side out, but rough out lasts longer and wears better over time.**

**GGGodwin**

[www.gggodwin.com](http://www.gggodwin.com)

1-610-783-0670

Men's All-Purpose Colonial Shoe [#GMB2]

\$150.75

- Wool with pewter buttons
- Some slight adjustments might be needed

[https://www.gggodwin.com/Breeches-Wool-with-Pewter-Buttons-GMB2\\_p\\_267.html](https://www.gggodwin.com/Breeches-Wool-with-Pewter-Buttons-GMB2_p_267.html)

**FOR ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ORDERS WITH VENDERS PLEASE**

**INFOM THEM YOU'RE A ROYAL WELCH FUSILIER MEMBER**

### **DUES:**

The dues will be \$35.00 per man-at-arms (soldier) in a household (same mailing address)

- If there is a second soldier at the same address, they will pay \$25.00
- Family members (distaff such as women and children that will attend) in the same household address are FREE

EXAMPLE: soldier pays \$35 for the year

EXAMPLE: soldier pays \$35 for the year, wife and children at same address are free

EXAMPLE: soldier pays \$35 for the year, son is a drummer \$25, wife and children all at same address are free, total =\$60

EXAMPLE: soldier pays \$35 for the year, son is a drummer \$25, another son is a soldier or musician, wife and children all at same address are free, total =\$60

NOTE; NO HOUSEHOLD WILL PAY MORE THAN \$60

THIS WILL FULLY ALL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

PLEAS DISSEMINATE THIS TO ALL YOUR MEMBERS. MAKE FULLY SURE EVERYONE THAT

EVERYONE IS LISTED. IF THEY ARE NOT LISTED ON OUR ROSTER, THEY ARE NOT INSURED AND

WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND ANYTHING.

**A FAR AS THE MAJOR IS CONSEARNED THE DEADLINE IS, BY THE END OF FEBRUARY**

