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The Official Newsletter of the Grenadier Company
Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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Commander's Column. By now, most of you have paid your Company and Regimental dues. Thank you. Now is the time to start seriously preparing for events. We have several important events coming up in May and June, so read on for additional information.

The Fusilier. The Fusilier is the official Regimental newsletter, which lets you know which events you are authorized to attend as a member of the Regiment and provides other important information that you need to know. If you have paid your dues for this year, you will receive all new editions of The Fusilier.

Where's Shane? As many of you know, Shane is also a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. He has been called to active duty, and so will not be able to participate in any events until after his tour of duty has ended.

Regimental Dues. As of April 15th, Regimental dues are \$30.00. Those Grenadiers who have not yet paid their dues should send this amount directly to our Regimental Adjutant, Rob Price. Rob's address is 79 Everett Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06107. B.A.R. dues are \$25.00, so if you want to be a member of the B.A.R., you need to send Rob a check for \$55.00. Make your checks payable to "RWFA." Remember, if you don't pay by the end of May you will be dropped from the rolls.

Company Dues. Company dues this year are still \$5.00, but should be paid separately to our Company Clerk, David Wilkins. Dave's address is 6605 Sutton Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070, and checks should be made payable to "Grenadier Company, RWFA."

Event Report, Saint David's Day. The Regimental Saint David's Day Dinner was held on Saturday, March 3, 2012, in Gettysburg, PA, at the Dobbins Tavern. Among the attendees were our former Grenadier Company and Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Peter Ford, his wife, Diane, as well as former Grenadiers Al Moriarty, Bob Beazley, and Bob Gibney with their wives. Peter and Diane presented the Regiment with a silver bowl in memory of our late comrade, Grenadier Harold "Skip" Craig. The dinner, toasts, exchange of greetings, and leek ceremony all went off exceptionally well and everyone had a most excellent evening.

Upcoming Regimental Schedule for 2012. Please consult the most recent edition of The Fusilier for our current, official schedule. Right now, here are some of the events on tap for 2012:

May 18-20, 2012 – Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania (Tactical Event?).

June 2-3, 2012 – Brigade Academy, Dill's Tavern, Dillsburg Pennsylvania.

June 9-10, 2012 – Rock Ford Plantation, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

June 16-17, 2012 – Battle of Monmouth, Freehold, New Jersey.

August 3-5, 2012 – Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle, Warren, New York. Sponsored by the BB/CL.

August 25-26, 2012 – Battle of Newtown - War Games, Elmira, New York.

September 15-16, 2012 – Fort at No.4, Charlestown, New Hampshire.

October 6, 2012 – Chew House, Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Upcoming Event Details.

Washington Crossing, PA (May 19th and 20th). We need a good showing at this event, since we are co-hosting it with the 5th Pennsylvania. If you are planning to go, please let me or Major Morgan know. The uniform for this event is our 1775 standard kit, bearskins and all. There will be four engagements over the weekend, with a possible tactical. Saturday night will feature a dance with a caller and jollification. The following link will get you to the Washington Crossing website for directions and other information about the location (unfortunately, as of the time of this writing, there was nothing about our event on their website).

<http://www.ushistory.org/washingtoncrossing/index.htm>

Rock Ford Plantation, PA (June 9th and 10th). We've been to this centrally located site just south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, before and it's really great. This is one of two "national" events designated by both the British Brigade and the Continental Line, and there will be a lot of units, reenactors, and sutlers there. Once again, the uniform for this event will be our 1775 standard kit. The Rock Ford Foundation will host a dance for everyone on Saturday night with live music and caller on the upstairs, while downstairs there will be a tavern (with free beer). There will be a pavilion tent pitched next to the barn. In the event of rain, both will be used as shelters at night, and for programs during the day. There is also a pavilion next to camp for shelter, as well as flush toilets. Although the Rock Ford Plantation site itself is limited in size, we will have full use of the surrounding parkland. The Continental and Crown camps will be within a short walk of each other, just to the east of the plantation. The link below will give you information on the event location, driving directions, and other important information. If you are unable to link to the website or need additional information, please send me an email or give me a call at 301-260-8358.

<http://www.revolutionaryrockford.org/>

Event Reports. I can't be everywhere, so if you've been to an event that I was unable to make and you would like to write a report on the event, I would love to have it so I can put it in The Blurb. Heck, even if I am at an event, that doesn't mean that you can't write a report anyway. So go ahead, live dangerously and exercise your right to free speech!

Ich Dien,

Paul