



# The Fusilier

23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

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## State of the Regiment

As we say farewell to the year 2012, it is time for us to look forward as well as there is much to prepare for in 2013.

In looking back, we can learn some lessons from 2012. Summer events at Gelston Castle are NOT always cool and breezy! We have no control over the weather, but boy wouldn't it be nice if we did?

### Recruiting

We need to fill our ranks, so the mantra for 2013 will be RECRUIT, DRILL, RECRUIT, DRILL & REPEAT! The regiment has looked a little rusty in its last few appearances and I would greatly appreciate it if the officers and NCO's were to tighten things up. If we look good, we attract more recruits. If we have more recruits, we have a stronger voice within the British Brigade, if we have more recruits and look good on the field, then we can write our own ticket.

The importance of recruiting can not stated too strongly. I have left this to the company commanders discretion in the past, but it seems that we have more members retiring into the Pensioner Company than we have new men coming onto the field. Look for recruiting opportunities in your area, gun shows, toy soldier shows, militaria shows, public events where a tent or table can be set up.

Follow up with all your contacts. Don't just assume that once you've handed them over to an NCO or officer that the job will be done, members have events in their lives which sometimes interfere with recruiting efforts. I will be putting together a new brochure for the regiment soon.

### Musicke

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Drummer Joseph Siegel to Drum Major of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. In doing so, I wish to also acknowledge the past services of Thomas Reinhart who has joined into the ranks of the Grenadier Company as a musket man. Tom served us for many years with a style and competency that I know his successor will emulate. I know that I can speak for the regiment in also sending Joe and his lady Ruth Bryant congratulations on their announced nuptials.

### Regimental Orders & Drill Manual

I know that these have fallen by the wayside during the past few years, but I have now taken them back up again and have been working feverishly to get them up to date and published. They will not be perfect, but there will be room to adjust them before the cement dries.

### Seamstresses and Supplies

In the last newsletter, the Major informed the regiment of some of the issues related to G. Gedney Godwins. These concerns have now been addressed by Godwins and they have promised to try harder and do better in the future.

There is a new regimental seamstress in Pennsylvania, Fran Wilcox who is in Pipersville, PA. I will be meeting with her shortly to provide samples, patterns etc. She will be doing waistcoats, britches, gaitered trousers, regimentals and gaiters.

In order to maintain uniformity in our dress, the materials for small clothes and regimentals will still be received through the regiment stores, but we will be working on streamlining that.

Fran Wilcox 249 Cafferty Road, Pipersville, PA 18947 (267)885-4022 wfrantastic@gmail.com

There is also available the fine services of ...

Heather Chaffee 15010 Victory Blvd. #102 Van Nuys, Ca 91411 (201) 450-6153 Heath51937@aol.com

### **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE MAJOR**

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Please update your records as I still get the occasional piece of regimental mail sent to my old address and soon the forwarding order will expire.

### **2013 Schedule**

**With the exception of St. David's Day, the Major has not yet designated any Regimental events for 2013 pending the outcome of the British Brigade/Continental Line Meeting scheduled for 1/12/2013**

#### *Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 2012* **Annual Meeting of the British Brigade and Continental Line Valley Forge**

Any member of RWFA is welcome to attend and I am surprised that not more do. This is where the decisions are made as to which events are supported and to what degree. If you want to see a certain type of event such as a tactical or full immersion weekend, this is where those decisions are made. It is YOUR organization as much as any of the officers and your input is essential to the functioning of the entire process. Each regiment receives a vote in the final decisions pertaining to rules, schedule and procedures. There is usually a formal dinner on Saturday night. Any one interested please contact the Major.

#### *Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 2013* **Fort Ward Battle, Alexandria, VA**

#### *Mar. 2 2012* **St. David's Day Dinner - \* REGIMENTAL EVENT \***

The Williamsburg Winery 5800 Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 • 757-258-0899 - Cost per person will be 35.00 which will include table wine for the toasts. There will be a cash bar open at 6:00pm. This is a wonderful chance to come down and enjoy Williamsburg off season when we don't have any reenactment responsibilities and when accommodations are not quite so expensive. A large turnout is expected, dress is 18th c. or coat and tie and corresponding attire for the ladies. As soon as we have the menu options they will be sent out. Our own Colonel Vivian and his lovely wife Jackie will be joining us there if his health permits and I know that one and all will want to come and welcome him back to the United States! I would like to designate St. David's as a **REGIMENTAL EVENT for 2013**.

Those who wish to make a weekend of it will have the joy of seeing all the sights and sounds of an elegant 18th century town and Yorktown and Busch gardens are nearby as well.

There will be the usual leek ceremony, toasts and presentations to the silver collection as well as special guests. I have listed only some of the many choices for lodging in and around Colonial Williamsburg

Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites 105 Visitor Center Drive, Williamsburg, VA (757) 253-2277  
colonialwilliamsburg.com

Williamsburg Lodge 310 South England Street, Williamsburg, VA (757) 220-7976  
colonialwilliamsburg.com

Comfort Suites Bypass 220 Bypass Road, Williamsburg, VA (757) 645-4646 comfortsuites.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites Williamsburg 814 Capitol Landing Rd, Williamsburg, VA (757) 229-0200 lq.com

Quality Inn Historic East - Busch Gardens Area 505 York Street, Williamsburg, Virginia  
(757) 220-3100 qualityinn.com

Hampton Inn 718 Bypass Road, Williamsburg, VA (757) 229-7330 hamptoninn3.hilton.com

**Menu:**

First Course: Potato Leek Soup OR Baby Arugula Salad topped with strawberries, blue cheese, candied walnuts, and champagne vinaigrette

Main Course: Petite Filet of Beef, Bordelaise Sauce OR Roasted Herb Chicken with Thyme Au Jus  
OR Pan-Seared Salmon with Dill Sauce

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Sauté of Green Bean, Shallot and Almonds

Dessert Course

Warm Bread Pudding

Warm Caramel Sauce

**PLEASE NOTE!!** We need to **have our list of guest to the Winery by Feb. 25th so ACT NOW before you forget!!** Make checks payable to: **RWFA** and send to: Rob Price, 79 Everett Ave. West Hartford, CT 06107

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*June 15, 16 2013* **235th Anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth**

The Battle of Monmouth in 1778 occurred when British Army under Sir Henry Clinton marched through New Jersey on their way to New York. The rearguard was set upon by Continental Army at Monmouth Courthouse near Freehold, New Jersey. The resulting battle was inconclusive with the Americans holding the field but the British also achieved their objective of reaching their work on Manhattan Island. It was the last major engagement in the north. The present day village of Freehold is a picturesque town with cafes and boutiques, there are numerous eating and drinking establishments and the Monmouth Battlefield Park has just undergone a very extensive rehabilitation.

*June 28-30<sup>th</sup>* **2012 UNDER THE REDCOAT Colonial Williamsburg, VA**

As far as we know, this is ON this year. When it is confirmed by Colonial Williamsburg, we will make a decision on whether to make this a full regimental event. Please plan on it now though, as if it does come to fruition the Major expects all Officers and NCOs to give this the maximum effort. It will be late uniform and at this late date there are no excuses for not having one. Pensioners and veterans may attend in civilian clothes.

*Sept 14, 15 2013* **Mt. Harmon Plantation Earleville, MD**

This is a truly exotic site with much to recommend it. We are awaiting further details from British Brigade meeting in January but it promises to be an excellent one. Please keep this date open.

*Oct. 5th 2013* **Battle of Germantown** Germantown PA

*Oct. 19, 20 2013* **Gloucester Point, VA**

Anyone who went to the Battle of the Hook a few years ago will remember the spirited defense of the redoubt by Fusilier Hively! This is a very reenactor friendly site, it is just down the road from Yorktown and promises a very large turnout. More details will be available after the BB meeting in January.

*Nov. 2, 2013* **Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA**

**The Major notes that with the current preponderance of Southern events, it is high time for everyone, including officers, to have their late war kit.**