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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Major hopes all ranks have made their New Year's resolution to attend more events. I will be attending the joint BB/CL line meeting this weekend and will have the revised schedule on Monday.

I would like to thank all who extended their good wishes to me during my latest bout with cellulites in my leg. It has gotten better after a week stay in hospital and I will be taking aggressive action to minimize any chance of a repeat.

Due to the above, my annual sending of the Christmas cards was delayed or incomplete, I apologize to all who did not receive a card. Next year I will have one out to everyone in the regiment.

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State of the Regiment

When I assumed command of the 23<sup>rd</sup> just over a year ago, I made a decision to give it a year before making any changes. I have had input from many of you in the past year as to the manner in which you would like your regiment to move forward in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

After having been in command for some time now, I have sought guidance from the officers and past commanders of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I am now prepared to put forward several changes to the Regimental Orders and to move forward with both the implementation of a new Drill Manual in conjunction with a revised and condensed set of ROs which will be given to each member. These will be forth coming in the early part of 2011.

Among the changes and modifications I am considering are:

1. Full adoption and formal inclusion of the "late war" uniform with most of the guidelines and stipulations that most of you are aware of.
2. Possible inclusion of appropriately attired family members attending events under the group insurance policy
3. A revised membership stipulation in which the "non membership" in other units of our time period is codified and enforced.
4. An added clause to the ROs by which membership in the regiment may be revoked, the reasons for revocation of membership and methods by which appeals can be made.
5. A streamlined regimental supply system by which membership dues and equipment costs will be charged to your credit card and you will only be ordering from one person.
6. Guidelines for maintaining "officer" status in the RWFA.

I seek the input of officers, NCOs and enlisted men on all these issues. My phone # is [215 262-6013](tel:2152626013) or email me at [gmorgan@epix.net](mailto:gmorgan@epix.net)

Our attendance in 2010 was slightly down, but it has been down across the board in the British Brigade and also the Continental Line. No doubt the economy has played a role in this. I think we had some fine events, but there is room for improvement and no doubt this will be the subject of debate at the annual BB/CL meeting in January. There have been several suggestions put forth and there are ongoing discussions with the British Brigade command.

Several of the 23<sup>rd</sup> have asked about a tactical being reintroduced into the event mix and you will find in the enclosed schedule that several events will be of a tactical nature including one in 2012 that RWFA will be sponsoring at Washington Crossing Historic Park.

There are several strictly social events on the calendar as well. Do we have nine members who wish to represent the regiment in a game of 18<sup>th</sup> c. cricket? I'd think this would be a hoot! There are several dances and balls as well. Remember guys, we only get to play if the ladies say "aye!" so think about taking that special some one to an event where she can shine and show off in something other than her camp clothes!

As regimental events for which we would like maximum attendance I am designating Under the Redcoat at Williamsburg, Mt Harmon Plantation and the Wyoming Valley both of which promise a large BB/CL turnout. In addition I am designating Needham as RWFA Veterans Event where we will host some of our past members as a way of saying thanks for their efforts over the years.

Dues & Rosters

2011 Regimental dues are the same with an additional 25.00 if you wish to be in the BAR. All members please send these ASAP to your company

clerk or officer who are instructed to forward them to the adjutant.

### St. David's Day and Annual Officers Meeting

The members of the regiment were so impressed by the Black Bass Hotel that we have decided to return there in 2011. Dinner will be \$40/person and dress will be 18<sup>th</sup> c. preferred. There will be hors d'oeuvres served au gratis.

Lodging at:

Courthouse Inn 625 N Main St Doylestown, PA 18901 Phone: [215-348-9222](tel:215-348-9222) Toll Free: [1-888-673-8683](tel:1-888-673-8683)

Ramada New Hope 6426 Lower York Road

New Hope, PA 18938 Phone: [215-862-5221](tel:215-862-5221)

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MORE INFORMATION IN NEXT ISSUE!

## Schedule

2011

**Jan 21, 2011 Colonial Ball Colonial Plantation Ridley Creek** 7pm – 11pm at the main ballroom of the Jeffords mansion in Ridley Creek State Park. There will be music, dancing, food and liquid refreshment. All proceeds go to the support of the Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation and its animal fund. Colonial clothes are welcome but not required. All weapons must be checked at the door.

**March 5-6 St. David's Day Lumberville, PA**

(see above)

**Also -Battle of Ft. Charlotte (1780) at Ft. Gaines, Dauphine Island, Mobile, AL**

**March 12-13 Guilford Court House, Greensboro, NC**

The Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department sponsors the annual Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse at Greensboro Country Park in March of each year. The Revolutionary War battle was fought on March 15, 1781 between the American Forces under Greensboro's namesake, Nathanael Greene, and British Commander Lord Charles Cornwallis. The anniversary commemoration will take place March 12 -13, 2011 at Country Park, 3905 Nathanael Green Dr., and Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, 2332 New Garden Rd.

The Battle Reenactment will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13, in Country Park

Any 23rd members planning to attend should coordinate with Fusilier John Maass ([Johnmaass23@verizon.net](mailto:Johnmaass23@verizon.net) (614) 760-9625)

Early war kit only.

**March 26-27 Lock Stock and Barrel symposium, Valley Forge National Park, PA (Saturday only)**

**April 2-3 BAR-NWD at Belleville, Ohio**

**April 9-10 Battle of Bound Brook, Middlebrook, NJ**

**April 16-17 Battle Road, Lincoln, MA (17th), Patriots' Day-Lexington, MA (Mon. 18th) INVITE ONLY**

**\*\*Also\*\* Patriot's Day Weekend, Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY**

**\*\*Also \*\* Battersea House, Petersburg, VA**

20th Annual Battersea Revolutionary War Reenactment - The City of Petersburg, VA proudly invites you to attend the 230th anniversary of the Reenactment of the 1781 Battle of Petersburg. This is an open event for all Revolutionary War re-enactors and sutlers. Our weekend encampment and re-created battles are held at Battersea, the home of Colonel John Banister, the first mayor of Petersburg and a signer of the Articles of Confederation. While Battersea is not the actual site of the 1781 battlefield, it was utilized by the British troops when they occupied the town in May of 1781.

Battersea consists of 35 acres of excellent camp and tactical ground for foot, horse and artillery. Wood, straw, water, hay, a Saturday evening meal and dance are provided by the City. There will be the reenactment of the 1781 battle, battle skirmishes, period music, children's activities and games, blacksmith demonstrations and much more. The event will be held from 10:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday and 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday.

**\*\*Also \*\* BAR School of The Soldier, New Windsor Cantonment, Vails Gate, NY**

**April 30-May 1 The Siege of San Juan, Puerto Rico (1797)**

**May 14-15 BRITISH BRIGADE ACADEMY, Fort Montgomery, NY - Fort Montgomery 690 Route 9W P.O. Box 213 Fort Montgomery, NY 10922**

This event creates an opportunity for Officers and Senior NCOs to meet, exchange ideas and participate in discussions that contribute to the improvement of our collective presentation and structure.

At this Academy bring your tent. The meetings will take place in the Site's new visitor's center. Share your tent as we'll be inside! Dinner, lunch and breakfast (Saturday and Sunday) are provided for those that wish to partake in the Mess for a reasonable cost and for food fit for a king (eating ware provided • Brigade history, philosophy and command structure - Marketing ourselves, how to recruit - Command structure at events -

Brigade level commands, formations and maneuvers - Battlefield communication - Army Commander to Sergeants - Interaction with Artillery, the Navy, Music and Horses - Construction of field fortifications - Battle scenarios - how can we improve - An evening of gaming, eating and carousing.

Strongly recommended for officers and NCOs

Please contact Delos Wheeler [todelos@gmail.com](mailto:todelos@gmail.com) 585 709-1420

### **Also on May 14, 15<sup>th</sup> Colonial Plantation, Media, PA**

The scenario: It is the spring of 1778, and amidst rumors of Howe leaving Philadelphia, the battles for resources in the local countryside is an ever present reality as foraging parties from both sides clash in small firefights over farms to feed their respective armies. In an area largely made up of Quakers, the inhabitants often find no relief from either side as they go about their normal lives.

What you will see/be a part of: Located on a beautiful working farm operating as one from the 18th century Zero modern intrusions seen in a 360° view

Tacticals both Saturday and Sunday through the farm

Wood and Straw and flush toilets

Plenty of space to encamp

Firepits/cooking demonstrations encouraged

Friday setup is available after 2 pm

**\*\*\*\*\*MAY 21 -22 NEEDHAM, MA BAR INVITATIONAL\*\*\*\*\***

### **This is Ken's baby and I for one, can't wait!!**

The BAR Invitational event scheduled for the 300th anniversary of Needham, Massachusetts on May. 21-22 isn't a national event, nor a British Brigade event per se, but it will be a large regional one involving all Crown Forces units that are part of the Boston Garrison, and all American units that do Battle Road, plus many other units. Your unit is invited to participate at an event to be held at Ridgehill Reservation, in Needham, Massachusetts, on Saturday and Sunday May 21st and 22nd as part of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Town of Needham. This event is a BAR Invitational, which means that everyone participating must be specifically invited. This is true for both Crown and Rebel Forces. Arrival and set up will be possible from Friday morning on, but everything must be done before the event site opens to the public at 10 am, Saturday morning, May 21st. Normal camp amenities will be provided to include water easily accessible close to each camp, ample firewood, straw for tents, and plenty of portable latrines, to include the larger ones beloved of the ladies. There will be a good number of high quality sutlers present. Parking will be about 300 yards away, through the woods, and entirely out of site...SO... the Needham Police WILL patrol the parking area, to include at night!

There will be a formal, ball Saturday night in Needham, with live, 18th century music, and a dance instructor/caller, with open bar, etc. This is discussed later in this invitation.

There will be three, battles. One Saturday afternoon and one Sunday afternoon will be staged for the public. The third, which will be a war game, will be held on Sunday morning and is optional. The site has been walked, looked at, discussed, and all planning done on the ground by the commanders, and other key officers from Crown and American forces. Essentially, Saturday will be 'Redcoats Rule', and Sunday will be 'Revenge of the Rebels'.

Brad Chetwynd, 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, is commanding the American forces, with Henry Cooke, 10th Massachusetts Light Infantry, as his second in command. Ken Siegel will command the Crown forces as a Brigadier General in America, with Paul O'Shaughnessy, 10th Regiment of Foot, as his second in command.

This event will be somewhat unique in that the public will not get to see the Crown Forces until they attack Saturday afternoon. To that end, the Crown camp will NOT be open to the public! It will actually be hidden. That doesn't mean it will be a modern, bring your Coleman lanterns, laptop thing at all, just that due to the scenario the Crown camp never figures in the 'show' and whereas the American camp will be a well set up, fortified, garrison encampment with all the 'bells an whistles' of a camp in place for a month, the Crown camp will be an authentic marching camp, set up so that the Crown Forces participants have a place to sleep, cook, eat, and relax when off duty.

Modern camping will be available in the parking area. A separate area will be set aside and a porta-john will be provided since this is several hundred yards from the main, encampment area. This area will be suitable for campers, trailers, and RV's.

June 4-5 Tavern Days at Dill's, Dillsburg, PA

June 11-12 Gelston Castle Estate Event, Warren, NY

June 18-19 Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto, Ontario

\*\*Also\*\* Crown Encampment, Salem MA

\*\*Also\*\* Battle of Monmouth, NJ

**\*\*\*\*\*JUNE 24 -26 UNDER THE REDCOAT**

**REGIMENTAL EVENT\*\*\*\*\***

**This is our year, we are going in strength I would love to have Fergusson's Company come est for this if they can. Late war kit ONLY!**

**More details will follow once I receive them. Again, we only go every other year so plan on making this one! Don't have your late war kit?**

**Better get it soon!**

July 2-3 4th of July Celebration at the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA

\*\*Also\*\* BAR at Liberty Hall, Philadelphia, PA

July 9-10 Battle of Huck's Defeat, Historic Brattonsville, Charlotte, NC

\*\*Also\*\* Battle of Hubbardton, VT

\*\*Also\*\* BAR-NWD at Fort Laurens, Bolivar, OH

\*\*\*\*\***JULY 16-17 WYOMING VALLEY MASSACRE – MT. COBB, PA (JOINT BB/CL EVENT)**\*\*\*\*\*

This event was voted to be a national sanctioned event by both the Continental Line and the British Brigade. After several years of hosting successful events at Moon Lake State Park, the 24th Connecticut Militia Regiment moved the event in 2010 to private property, with equal success. Now, joined by the 42nd regiment of Foot, our British Brigade co-sponsors, we welcome you to join us for this fine 18th Century community event. Please visit our website at: <http://battleofwyoming.org/>

On July 3, 1778, a Loyalist and Iroquois force numbering 800 or more under Col. John Butler ambushed an American militia force of some 300 or so under Colonel Zebulon Butler. This happened in nearby Wilkes-Barre, PA. Although they fought hard, he was forced to surrender, and battle was catastrophic for the militia. Fort Mifflin was forced to surrender, and the valley was laid waste.

Mt. Cobb is easy to get to, being just off of the intersections of 1-80, 1-84, & 1-380. See our directions on the website. Event staff will have access to the site Wednesday to lay out camps, and participants can arrive Thursday afternoon. Camps will be kept open until Monday at noon to accommodate those volunteers who travel a long distance.

The site is a series of privately owned farms, with hay meadows that will be mowed over before the event. The event has the full support of the local community, and last year over 700 visitors came. Many more are expected this year, with improved coverage of the event in the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre area. Wilkes-Barre, by the way, is named for the two champions of American rights in Parliament, John Wilkes and Isaac Barre.

This will be a campaign weekend, with excellent open woods for primitive camping. Canvas camps will be near the road. We have expanded the site from one battlefield to three this year, with two additional contiguous farms now made available to us. The battlefields are connected with trails, and the woods are open and easily passable, so the scenarios will integrate all the features of the site.

There will be scripted tactical for the afternoons, "woods walks" for the public in the mornings featuring ambushes and skirmishing, and unscripted small-unit actions through-out the days and evenings. Hasty fortifications built last year will be expanded on.

**July 30-31 Cricket & Games weekend at Johnson Hall, Johnstown, NY**

Open to all British Brigade crown forces members • 9 man teams • Each team from a particular regiment, an amalgamated team from 2 regiments or a "sponsored" team of individuals. • Civilians and other 18th century reenactment spectators welcome • Trophy to be awarded • Tavern available • Activities for kids • Picnicking • Special guest umpires • Evening entertainments • Visiting the historic grounds • A fun day of pleasure and an evening of fun

August 6-7 Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA

Mock battles, cannon demonstrations, fife and drum music, marching & drilling demonstrations, and an evening "Twilight Encampment," when visitors can mingle with troops and chat around the campfires.

The Village is transformed into a military camp from the time of the War for Independence, as it was known in early New England. Come see what it was really like for those who fought to win America's freedoms.

\*\*Also\*\* Battle at House in the Horseshoe, Sanford, N.C.

August 13-14 Old Fort Niagara (Youngstown NY) "Soldiers of the Revolution"

\*\*Also\*\* BAR-NWD at Fort Ligonier, PA

\*\*Also\*\* BAR Firelock Matches at Boone's Homestead, reading, PA

August 20-22

August 27-28 Battle of Newtown, Elmira, NY (wargames) The Newtown Battlefield State Park sits high on a forested hilltop with a commanding view of the Chemung River Valley. It is located in the beautiful southern-tier area of New York State, near Elmira along the Pennsylvania border. The site is full of pristine, quiet, natural beauty and rich with history and of course it was one of the most important battles of the war. The site has been a favorite of reenactors for many years. The many trails, fences, defense works and woods have always delivered exciting wargame experiences. We are incorporating the public into our battle program with interaction with the spectators. So far this has proven very popular with the public and wargamers alike. There is a recreated Indian village. The buildings are period correct and in a opportunity, a must go to event for a great woods fight! You will have access to flush toilets and showers. Dinner and breakfast are provided. Many of the hobbies best Sutleries along with several 18th century demonstrators will be in attendance, providing an excellent shopping opportunity. Not to forget the lively nightlife at its lodge.

\*\*Also\*\* BAR Battle of Long Island, Tentative

September 3-4 Labor Day weekend Latta Plantation, Charlotte NC

\*\*Also\*\* BAR-NWD at New Boston Fair, Springfield, OH, Tentative

September 10-11 Fort Ticonderoga, NY

September 17-18 Fort Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City MI (Invitational)

\*\*\*\*\***SEPT 24 – 25 MOUNT HARMON PLANTATION, EARLEVILLE, MD. (JOINT BB/CL EVENT)**\*\*\*\*\*

**This is one of the most visually striking re-enactment sites in the country! Just off I-95, one hour south of Philadelphia. 18<sup>th</sup> Century rivers and streams—just south of where Admiral Howe landed his brother's army to march on Philadelphia in 1777. Come join us for one of the best regional events of the year. Amenities include straw, water, wood, and port-o-johns.**

October 1-2 Chew House, Germantown, PA (Saturday only) Paid

Full and probationary members of the British Brigade and Continental Line are invited to participate in the annual commemoration of the Battle of Germantown scheduled for Saturday, October 1. The event takes place on the historic grounds of Cliveden, home of the Chew family and center of the 1777 battle, at 6401 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia. This lively, legendary event includes two lively tactical demonstrations, lunch provided by the sponsor and an honorarium for each participating unit. Please note the following: All units and sutlers should be in place by 11 a.m. from the field.

**\*\*Also\*\*** Fort #4, Charlestown, NH

**\*\*Also\*\*** BAR at Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry, CT

October 15-16 Burning of Kingston, NY

October 22-23 Ft. Mercer, Woodbury, NJ (Sunday only) Full and probationary members of the Continental Line and British Brigade are invited to participate in the annual commemoration of the 1777 assault on Fort Mercer on the grounds surrounding the original fort in National Park, New Jersey. Your unit should find this an especially interesting and action-filled event. Troops should be at Fort Mercer no later than 11 a.m. An officers meeting will take place in front of the Whitall House at 10:30 a.m. Two lively tacticals are scheduled for the afternoon. As in previous years, the sponsors will provide lunch to all troops and authentically-dressed campfollowers. The increased honorarium will be continued and your unit will receive a stipend of at least \$20 for each uniformed soldier present on the field and significant additional funds for artillery. Antique dealers, sutlers kept off the field by county employees and there is immediate battlefield cleanup by park staff. Fort Mercer is located in National Park, New Jersey, just South of Woodbury and only two miles directly off Exit 23 of I-295, via Hessian Avenue. One of the Delaware River defenses of Philadelphia, it was unsuccessfully attacked by Hessian forces on October 22, 1777. The site is a fine, open county park on the river bluffs nearly opposite Philadelphia's Ft. Mifflin.

October 29-30 BAR at West Point, NY

November 5-6 Hope Lodge in Fort Washington, PA.

All full and probationary members of the British Brigade and Continental Line are invited to participate in the annual commemoration of the "Whitemarsh Encampment" on the grounds of historic Hope Lodge, in Fort Washington, Pa. This great weekend of living history features three action-filled engagements that include assaults on an earthen redoubt, as well as nearly two dozen sutlers and the fabled Crown vs. Patriot tug-of-war! Hosted by the 43rd Regiment of Foot and First Continental Regiment, it is sponsored by the reenactor-friendly Friends of Hope Lodge. Musketmen, artilleryists, fifes, drums and distaff will all find this an event tailored for enjoyment with spacious ground for camping and a huge battle area.

As last year, the Friends will again offer a reenactment of the highest quality to the living history community. Additional information can be found at the Friends' website: [www.ushistory.org/hope](http://www.ushistory.org/hope). Muster is at 10 a.m. both days. There are two battles on Saturday and one on Sunday. The event ends Sunday at 4 p.m. The grounds open for camp set-up on Friday at noon and participants may stay until Monday morning. Wood, water, straw, etc. are provided. There is also a small stipend daily for each artillery unit. Two hotels are within minutes of the site near exit 339 of the Pa. Turnpike: Holiday Inn ([888/890-0242](tel:8888900242)) and Best Western([800/448- 9274](tel:8004489274)).

**\*\*Also\*\*** Camden Revolutionary War Field Days, Camden SC

November 12-13 Siege of Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, PA

Amenities: 3 meals (Saturday Dinner. Sunday Breakfast & Lunch) Indoor Sleeping facilities available. Firewood for fireplaces. Indoor toilet facilities. Four Tactical demonstrations (2 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday.) Commemorative Ribbon. The volunteer staff can gladly feed up to 200. The sleeping quarters (barracks, casemates, blacksmith and guardrooms) have accommodated the same numbers. We would be appreciative if car pooling can be done. We are always working on improving the parking situation. Absolutely, no last minute calls or walk-ins will be accepted.

November 19-20 BAR at Fort Lee Historic Park, Fort Lee, NJ

December 3-4 The British Night Watch, St. Augustine, FL

December 10-11 Mount Holly, NJ, Battle of Ironwork Hills (Saturday only)

December 17-18 Weekend before Christmas

December 24-25 Christmas

December 27 Battle of Cedar Bridge, NJ. Paid. But looks like for Loyalists only. Barnegat, NJ Any interest let me know I will find out more.

Dec. 31-January 1 Battles of Trenton and Princeton, NJ

2012

Late March – St. Kitts, Caribbean

Brimston Hill, St Kitts Invitation only event, numbers of troops not to exceed 250-300 on a side...BUT, a lot smaller works ok. Local transport and meals provided, lodging in the fort Garrison, siege, battles, attacking fort, etc...similar to Fort George, but an older, masonry fort. Air fare will

be around \$480 to \$580 round trip, plus or minus.

May 18 -20 2012

Washington Crossing, PA TACTICAL

Date & Time May 18-20 Sponsors- 5<sup>TM</sup> Pennsylvania Regt. Light and Rifle Co's Continental line

23rd Royal Welch Fusiliers, British Brigade

Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission

The Friends of Washington Crossing Park

Object of Event- To reintroduce the reenacting community to this site and to do something unique for re-enactors. Draw the public back to the Park with something visual and exciting to Venue- first part of weekend- event will start as tactical on Friday night and continuing thru night lasting for 24 hours till 5pm Saturday night. British shall have set camp and colonials are on campaign. Objective is to capture or destroy enemy. This event is closed to public. There are structures on site(houses, pavilions, barns and a grist mill) we would like to incorporate them in Second part of weekend- Sunday will be open to public with a scripted battle for public viewing. Those choosing not to take part in tactical and campaigning may arrive on Saturday afternoon and set up tents or arrive Sunday to participate in battle.

Access- Site is easily accessible from interstate 95 and parking shall be within walking distance of scenarios

Infrastructure- water, straw, and sanitation will be provided. Amenities and attractions- the towns of New Hope, Pa. and Lambertville N. J. are 7 miles upriver with many unique shops, restaurants and taverns. There are many bed and breakfasts in the area as well as hotels and motels. Trenton N.J. is just 15 miles. To the south on the Delaware River with lots of history including the historic Trenton Barracks (location of Hessian Forces during the Crossing period) Terrain- everything you can imagine, river and canal running thru whole area, wooded plots (dense and open) deep ravines, dirt roads, open pastures, homesteads, etc. - Saturday night tavern at one of the Parks pavilions. Jollification's provided by 5th Pa. Sutlers will be set up close to British Encampment.

July 21 2012- Prescott, Ontario

The British Brigade and Continental Line are invited to return to Prescott, Ontario—Home of Loyalist Days—to hold a major event in 2012. Although much of the area is commemorating the War of 1812, Prescott wants to celebrate its Revolutionary War Heritage. They will tie in with the region-wide 1812 programs and have scheduled this program to avoid any 1812 event conflicts. The last time the British Brigade and Continental Line were in Prescott, it was 1988, and a very enjoyable time was had by all. This event is jointly sponsored by the Town of Prescott, Parks Canada, the Kings Royal Regiment of New York, the 64th Regiment of Foot, and Continental Line Units TBD.

In 1787, Edward Jessup came to settle here on the 1,200-acre land granted to him by King George of England. Major Jessup had a portion of this grant surveyed as a town site in the year of 1810. He named the new settlement "Prescott" in honour of General Robert Prescott who had been governor-in-chief of all Canada between 1797-1807.

Prescott, Ontario is right across the St. Lawrence River from Ogdensburg, NY. It is 7 hours from Boston, 6 hours 35 minutes from New York City, 8 hours 45 minutes from Washington, DC, and 4 hours from Toronto. The town and fort site are going all-out to ensure that you and your family have a wonderful time. As with Fort George and Niagara-on-the-Lake, we recommend that you take vacation time and make this at least a long weekend, enjoying the local area.

Participants will be camped in open parkland around the fort, and within a few minute's walk of lovely downtown Prescott, with restaurants, B&Bs, groceries, and every other amenity you would expect. Interpretative programs will be run for the visiting public. Battles will be run each day. In the evening, an artillery bombardment of Fort de la Presentation in Ogdensburg, NY will take place using town-provided powder. Artillery will be placed on town-owned land under British Brigade and Continental Line firing rules. Arrangements for return fire are being made.

The surrounding area will be delightful for vacation time Besides Prescott itself . (<http://www.prescott.ca/>), you are near Montreal, Ottawa, the boating and fishing resort area of the Thousand Islands, Cornwall, Upper Canada Village, and other places of interest to our members. The battlefield (seen at right) is a natural amphitheatre with excellent public viewing. The terrain is natural and will make for interesting field battles. As in 1988, we will be camped around the Fort, leaving room for tactical actions against the fort. Event staff will have access to the site Wednesday to lay out camps, and participants can arrive Thursday afternoon. Camps will be kept open until Monday at noon to accommodate those volunteers who travel a long distance.

August – Oriskany 235th at Gelston Castle, Mohawk, NY

The British Brigade and Continental Line are invited to hold a national event at the Gelston Castle Estate to commemorate the 235th Anniversary of the Battle of Oriskany and Relief of Fort Stanwix, 1777. This premier event in the Mohawk Valley is in the town of Warren, just south of the villages of Herkimer, Mohawk, and German Flatts. This event is sponsored by the First New York Regiment, McCrackens Company of the Continental Line and the 24th and 64th Regiments of Foot of the British Brigade, in partnership with the non-profit Center for Green Leadership,

with funding from local companies. Herkimer was the site of Fort Dayton, from which Nicholas Herkimer and the 800 men of the Tryon County militia marched to relieve Fort Stanwix, but were ambushed at Oriskany instead. By mid-August, Arnold's relief column arrived and the siege was lifted. As a private site, BB & CL Safety regulations apply.

We promise a fine time (with cooperation from the gods of weather). There are three open battlefields, a ravine for the ambush, two ponds, and

lots of open woods. The open woods throughout the site will provide for campaign camps and woodland skirmishing. The main battlefield is quite large, 43 acres. The northern battlefield (for public demonstrations) and the eastern battlefield are only slightly smaller. All battlefields are connected for incorporation into elaborate scenarios, so battles will flow from one part of the estate to another, providing varied and interesting campaign opportunities. By comparison, at the September CL/BB event, the entire Brandywine Creek battlefield was on 17 acres.

Besides full-scale battles on Saturday and

Sunday afternoons, we will run this as a campaign event, with small unit scenarios scheduled throughout the day. At the same time, interpretative programs will be run for the visiting public.

The site management and administrative team at the Gelston Castle Estate are very excited about the event. Wood, straw, and potable water will be available in abundance. A new system has been installed to pipe water directly to the camps. They have an excellent infrastructure for camping. This event will commemorate the historic events of the Mohawk in 1777, including the resistance to the St. Leger campaign (Battle of Oriskany, Siege of Fort Stanwix, and Arnold's relief). The Valley was also the site of the Andrustown Massacre (1778) and the other valley raids of that year, the Clinton-Sullivan Expedition (1779), the Cherry Valley massacre (1779), Johnson's Raid of 1780 with the battles at Stone Arabia and Klock's Field, and the raids of 1781. Several key battles of the Mohawk Valley will be included, with the Battle of Oriskany being the keynote. With other demonstrations, this will provide two full days of interpretative, ceremonial, and educational programs for visitors. The Gelston Castle Estate Site is 330 acres of rolling terrain, mixed woods, fields, and a few acres of developed grounds, just a few miles south of the NY Thruway. The original community, Hendersontown, was founded in 1739 by a Surgeon in the British Army named Henderson, who purchased 20,000 acres of land in the hills here. The Gelston Castle Estate is only a few hundred yards from the Andrustown Massacre site (1778). Although the homes were burned in the raid by a troop of Loyalists and Iroquois under Joseph Brant, a barn on the property survives from circa 1750, and a wood frame house from 1787, when the area was resettled. Please visit their website at: [www.gelstoncastleestate.com/](http://www.gelstoncastleestate.com/).

## 2013

June – Monmouth 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 2014

Summer 2014: Color Presentation for The Royal Welsh

Best to all!

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Maj. GF Morgan