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**The Major's New Address**

The Major has moved to a new address at 793 Street Road, New Hope, PA 18938. He hopes that all who wish to correspond with him by letter will do so at that address. His email remains gmorgan@epix.net

**After Action Reports**

Needham was an unqualified success. Special thanks to Mike Miller, John Grasse, Greg Urwin, Bobby Petersen, Tom Pieper, Bill Lucas, Rob Price and Bob Passero. The Major would like to extend very special thanks to Ken Siegel for organizing the event and to Nan and Rob Price for the food. Also a very special thanks to all the fine regimental women for their help with the logistics! Saturday was a blistering affair with the RWFA fighting in woods and fields, across stone walls and a final glorious bayonet charge into an American redoubt. The 23rd were brigaded with the Guards and the 10th Foot Grenadiers into the Heavy Brigade and held the center of the British line at many crucial points. Sunday's action was missed by the Major as it was necessary to seek medical attention for the Majorette, but I am reliably informed that Captain Pieper stepped up and led the regiment to it's gloriously planned demise.

**Personnel Notes**

We want to extend our thoughts and prayers to Mike and Trish Davies. Mike's Dad is fighting pancreatic cancer and Mike will be taking care of him and his mother this summer.

Congratulations to Grenadier Mike Grillo for tying the knot again. (I kept trying to tell Mike that if he used thicker thread in his garments, he wouldn't have to keep tying all these knots!)

**New and Noteworthy**

This is where reminders, new implementations and gentle nudges and not so gentle nudges go.

**DUES.**

It is now June. Some have not paid their dues. Do they intend to be a part of the regiment this summer? Will they think of rejoining a year or two from now? Many of you are about to be dropped for non payment of dues. The regiment needs your dues in order to pay its insurance. Without insurance, we can't take the field. THIS IS THE LAST REMINDER. At the end of June, all non paying members will be dropped from the roster.

This will result in several inconveniences.

You will not take the field with RWFA. You will lose whatever rank you have attained. You will be required to pay a penalty into the Color Fund for readmission to the ranks. Color fund? Did he say color fund? Yes, I did, and we are reinstating it thanks to the need for new colors, and the absolute need to impress upon people that the regiment does not function without dues. From this

point forth, those paying their dues before St. David's Day receive a 5.00 deduction per head. Those paying after St. David's Day until April 15th pay the normal 35.00/head. After April 15th, there will be a 5.00 per head penalty to paid into the color fund. At the end of May, you will be dropped from the rolls. No exceptions.

#### **RECRUITS**

Having noted the need for recruits, it is necessary to add some words of caution. It has recently come to my attention that non members have been outfitted and put into the field with firearms and powder. This will cease. A person who is not on our rosters as a recruit, may not take the field. Our insurance won't allow it. If a person completes an application and medical form, pays their 35.00 application fee and there is a complete uniform available, then they can be taken under arms and drilled in safety procedures. They are NEVER to be put into the field until the commanding officer of their company says they are ready. No exceptions. Again, if the forms are filled out at an event, the application fee submitted and the proper safety training under a senior NCO provided, then it is still feasible that we can field interested parties at events, but ALL of the above steps must be fulfilled.

#### **\*\*\*\*\*Event Schedule\*\*\*\*\***

June 11-12 Gelston Castle Estate Event, Warren, NY  
If anyone in the northern NY area is interested, please let me know. We did an event in the town two years ago, this time it will be at the castle itself overlooking the majestic Mohawk Valley. 2012 will see a major event at this location.

June 18 - 19 Battle of Monmouth, NJ  
Always a favorite site and one that has been threatened with closure by the state, Monmouth battlefield Park is located in Freehold, NJ and convenient for NY, NJ, PA members. Camping on site is 18th century. Last year this event surprised us by having quite a few more participants than previous years. Set up is on Friday afternoon for those camping.

July 9-10 Battle of Hubbardton, VT  
Another northern event for Lights or others, Hubbardton info is available at:  
<http://www.kristinsawyer.com/2011/01/reenactment-of-the-battle-of-hubbardton-vermont/>

July 9 - 10 BAR-NWD at Fort Laurens, Bolivar, OH

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

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, the was forced to surrender, and battle was catastrophic for the militia. Forty Fort 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 Plantion, 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 (RWF Regimental Event)

This is one of the most visually striking re-enactment sites in the country! Just off 1-95, one hour south of Philadelphia. 18\* Century This is one of the most visually striking re-enactment sites in the country! Just off 1-95, one hour south of Philadelphia. 18\* 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) and Best Western (800/448- 9274).

**\*\*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

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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>th</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/).

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June - Monmouth 235th Anniversary

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Summer 2014: Color Presentation for The Royal Welsh (Get your passports!!)

Best to all!

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Maj. GF Morgan