



# The Fusilier

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

The Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

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This will be a short version of the Fusilier as there is the joint BB/CL meeting coming up and the major events of the year will be decided there in addition to the elections of officers. But first.....

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The RWFA has lost one of its original members, Grenadier Thomas Berg passed away on Monday January 6. Tom was the original drummer of the Grenadier Company. We are awaiting further information on services, but those who would wish to send a card may do so at the following address:

The Berg Family  
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Brimstone Hill Fort, St. Kitt's March 5 – 9 2014

(The following is provided by Ken Siegel who is footing the airfare for anyone who wishes to participate)

Invitation to members of

The Recreated 23rd Regiment of Foot, the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

Members of the RWFA are invited to participate at a almost all expense paid (including air fare!!!) event at Brimstone Hill Fort on the Island of Saint Christopher, commonly called St. Kitts, from Wednesday March 5th to Sunday March 9th.

Provided to all participants:

1. 100% reimbursement for air fare, round trip, from each member's home, airport.
2. Accommodations in Brimstone Hill Fort, to include clean barracks with cots, indoor modern plumbing and showers.
3. Supper on Wednesday March 5th, breakfast, lunch and supper on Thursday and Friday March 6th and 7th, and breakfast on Sunday March 9th.
4. Travel to and from the airport on Wednesday and Sunday.
5. Black powder.

The schedule:

1. Organization and some drill, NOT in kit, Wednesday early evening. The Officer in Command is Don Beale. The deputy commander, and commander of the French is Ken Siegel. Don and Ken are the ONLY officers who will field as such. The Sergeant Major is Sergeant Francis...who just happens to be a real sergeant in the St. Kitts army. He, along with one other sergeant, a corporal and ten privates will be portraying fully, PROPERLY uniformed and armed soldiers of the West Indian Regiment. Don Beale and Ken Siegel have provided everything to include a field piece and muskets, and have been to St Kitts training these men, and will be there yet again in February. So there will be West Indian Regiment British Regulars being 'played' by real regular army soldiers who have been assigned this duty by the Island's military commanding officer. Expect them to be VERY GOOD!!!
2. Performances will be, Thursday and Friday all day, late morning and afternoon battles each day, guard mounts, drill, firing demonstrations, and a night fight Friday night. During the battles some 'redcoats' will be assigned to field in their whites, with provided stocking caps, to portray the French. This will be rotated except for the French Commander, who is the same in all the battles (and gets killed in a sword fight with a West Indian regiment sergeant each time...this worked well in 2011...same French officer, same St Kitts sergeant).
3. Saturday is a free day to enjoy the island. Plenty of cabs and/or mini busses will be available. There is a lot to do including a casino which will be delighted to take your money!

Requirements:

1. You must make your own airline reservations... economy of course. You must then send proof of this to Ken Siegel, a scan of the ticket with price attached to an e-mail is fine, and you will receive an immediate refund of the air fare price from Ken. You should be able to get this from between 600 and 800 dollars... but do try and spend less if possible. If you have to withdraw and cancel, you will of course be expected to repay the air fare price. The payment is based on the firm expectation that you will show up!
2. Members must be in late war kit, as FUSILIER RANK AND FILE CARRYING AND FIRING MUSKETS!!! A single company of fusiliers will be portrayed, but grenadiers are welcome...they just leave their hangers and match cases home.

3. While officers and sergeants are welcome, they have to portray rank and file (sergeant's coats are fine, officer's are not!). One sergeant will serve as such and will command all 23rd members. The Major will select the sergeant.
4. The Drum Major, who was at the 2011 event, is participating and will provide music.

#### Regimental Women:

When this event was done two years ago, and a very successful one it was, regimental women were welcome and had much to do. But two years ago everyone paid their own air fare. Whereas regimental women are once again welcome, their air fare will not be provided. They will receive all the logistical support soldier's receive. However, there are no separate facilities for women (though they will of course have women's bathrooms and privacy for showering). Regimental women staying at the fort and taking their meals with the soldiers must have proper costume and will be assigned various duties... which will be as much fun this time as in 2011...which was a lot.

#### Options:

You may arrive early and stay late as you may wish. As long as you are at Brimstone Hill Fort Wednesday afternoon and participate in all the Thursday and Friday events you may make the event into an extended holiday. Of course you will be on your own for accommodations and meals. But your air fare will still be paid for.

Please copy any and all messages concerning this to Major Morgan.

Best regards... and, ich dien again !

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The tentative schedule for 2014 is below. Anyone who has an interest in any of these should email the Major to let him know. Some of these are marked with a question mark as these may be in question as date or time. This is ONLY tentative, nor will all these events happen necessarily. Please look it over and communicate to the Major by email before the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. if you have thoughts on any of these. We are also not going to be doing all of these.

## 2014 Events

January 4-5

January 11-12 British Brigade/Continental Line Meeting (Saturday)

January 18-19 Battle of Cowpens, Gaffney, SC

January 25-26 64th Regiment of Foot Board of Officers Meeting, Chester, PA  
(Saturday)

February 1-2

February 8-9

February 15-16 Fort Ward, Alexandria, VA (Sunday only)

February 22-23

March 1-2

March 8-9 St Kitts' Brimstone Hill Fortress, March 5-9

March 15-16 Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC

March 22-23

March 29-30 Gaming Day at Dill's Tavern in Dillsburg, PA

April 5-6

April 12-13 Battle of Bound Brook, Franklin, NJ

\*\*Also \*\* Tower Park (Sat. only, No MMNHP). Patriots' Day-Lexington, MA  
(Mon. 15th) INVITE ONLY

April 19-20 Easter Sunday weekend.

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

April 26-27 Battle Road, Concord/Lexington, MA (Saturday only)

\*\*Also \*\* BAR School of the Soldier

May 3-4 Gunston Hall, Mason Neck, Va

May 10-11 Mother's Day weekend

May 17-18 Battle of Sandy Hollow, Birmingham Township, NJ

\*\*Also \*\* Nathanael Greene Homestead, Coventry, RI

\*\*Also \*\* Danvers Mass, Rebecca Nurse Homestead 40th anniversary  
encampment.

May 24-25 Memorial Day Weekend

May 31-June 1

June 7-8  
 June 14-15 Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto, Ont.  
 \*\*Also\*\* Fort Ontario Encampment, Oswego, NY  
 June 21-22  
 June 28-29 Colonial Williamsburg, VA "Under the Redcoat" (BB only)  
 July 5-6  
 July 12-13 BB & CL at Wyoming Valley Massacre, Mt. Ariel, PA  
 \*\*Also\*\* Battle of Hubbardton VT  
 July 19-20 Burgoyne's capture of Fort Ticonderoga, NY"  
 July 26-27 BAR at Stony Point, NY  
 August 2-3 Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA  
 \*\*Also\*\* Soldiers of the Revolution, Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY  
 August 9-10  
 August 16-17 BAR at Battle of Walloomsack (Bennington), Walloomsack, NY.  
 August 23-24 235th Anniv. Battle of Newtown, Elmira, NY (wargames)  
 \*\*Also\*\* Ft. Taber/Ft. Rodman, New Bedford, MA  
 August 30-31 Labor Day weekend.  
 September 6-7  
 September 13-14  
 September 20-21 BAR at Johnson Hall, Johnstown, NY  
 \*\*Also\*\* Fort at Number Four in Charlestown, New Hampshire  
 Sept. 27-28 The Siege of Yorktown at Endview Plantation, Newport News, VA  
 \*\*Also\*\*  
 October 4-5 ??Chew House, Germantown, PA (Saturday)??  
 October 11-12 "Prelude to Victory", Colonial Williamsburg, VA (CL only)  
 October 18-19 ??Fort Mercer, National Park, NJ??  
 \*\*Also\*\* BAR at Liberty Hall, Union, NJ  
 \*\*Also\*\* ??Yorktown, VA Victory Weekend??  
 October 25-26 BB & CL at Mt. Harmon Plantation, Earleville, MD  
 November 1-2 Revolutionary War Field Days, Camden, SC  
 \*\*Also\*\* Battle of Red Horse Tavern, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA (Sat. only)  
 \*\*Also\*\* ??Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA??  
 November 8-9 ??Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, PA (Sunday only)??  
 November 15-16  
 November 22-23 Thanksgiving weekend  
 November 29-30

December 6-7      Illumination of St. Augustine, FL  
\*\*Also\*\*          Battle of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Va  
December 13-14  
December 20-21    Weekend before Christmas  
December 27-28    ??Battles of Trenton and Princeton, NJ??

#### 2015 Events

August 22-23      BAR Tactical Weekend, Boone's Homestead, Birdsboro, PA  
October 4-5        Burning of Kingston, NY  
October 11-12     BAR & BVMA Old Stone Fort 235th, Schoharie, NY  
December 5-6      The British Night Watch 450th Birthday of St. Augustine, FL

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There will be a Fusilier published next week which will elucidate on some of these and give the updated schedule.

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Major Morgan