

A History of our Association **Royal Newfoundland Regiment Living History Association**

We are volunteer enthusiasts, men and women, who enjoy portraying and re-enacting the military aspect of the pivotal point in Canada's history, the War of 1812.

Our current living history association was defined and named in 2013. However our roots go back to original re-enactors such as Rick Peterson Senior and Junior, Kevin Windsor and Wes Ramsay amongst others that started a re-enactment group centred at Stoney Creek/Battlefield House. This group was known as the Stoney Creek House Guard and portrayed the Royal Newfoundland Regiment of Fencible Infantry, in particular the 7th Company, called Skinner's company. This regiment, was created by Major Thomas Skinner, Royal Engineers, in 1795 and was colloquially referred to as Skinner's Fencibles.

Today we portray the same 7th (Skinner's) company of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and also an alternate impression as US Marines.

Battle re-enactments and events occur throughout the year but primarily in the spring, summer and fall and are staged in southern Ontario and bordering US states.

We portray a full military life via weekend encampments, with period clothing, tents, cooking, camp followers, black powder musket firing, military company and battalion drill and battle re-enactments.

Our purpose is to accurately and faithfully portray this formative period of Canadian history, including British and American perspectives, to educate and generate public interest.

We maintain special relationships with Stoney Creek/Battlefield House and Dundurn Castle/Military Museum and participate in their historic offerings. Our group also volunteers with Scouts Canada – Scout Brigade, an historic event held at Fort George to educate and commemorate the War of 1812.

We also belong to the umbrella organization 'Crown Forces North America' which organizes events in southern Ontario and nearby US States. In this regard we regularly interact (are brigaded) with similar re-enactment groups that include infantry, mounted units, Royal Artillery and Royal Navy units.

Further, we have sister companies of the historic Royal Newfoundland Regiment (specifically Bulger's, Armstrong's and Whelan's companies) throughout Ontario.

In the past our group has participated in special events and trips, mostly notably: a US Marine event in Boston including the USS Constitution, and in 2015 participating in the 200th anniversaries of the 1812 Battle of New Orleans in January and the Napoleonic Battle of Waterloo, Belgium in June.

Not all events are battle related.... Our members regularly attend period social events such as regimental/period dinners, Georgian/Regency dances, historic commemoration events and special focus events such as Master and Commander

weekend based on the Royal Navy books of Patrick O'Brian. And.... many specific battle events have associated evening dances and historic lectures.

We welcome new members and comrades to our group!

In true Newfoundland tradition - Come Kiss the Cod!!

