

Regimental History

The Loyal American Regiment (LAR) was a battalion of nearly 400 New York loyalist colonists from Westchester and Dutchess Counties. They fought on the side of England in the American Revolution (1775-1783).

Like their revolutionary counterparts, many loyalists felt that England was mismanaging the colonies. However, they believed the conflict between mother country and her colonies could be resolved over the negotiating table, rather than the battlefield.

Men from all walks of life enlisted in the LAR. Wealthy Beverley Robinson (pictured top left) was colonel of the regiment and several of his sons served as officers. Many of the common soldiers who enlisted were Bev Robinson's tenants.

The LAR wore green coats in the first years of the war, and then switched over to the traditional redcoat of the British Army regulars.

The LAR served with distinction in battles from Connecticut to South Carolina. With Col. Robinson in command, they were the first regiment over the wall when Fort Montgomery (NY) was successfully taken in October 1777.

The regiment was commissioned in March of 1777 and served until it was disbanded in Canada in the fall of 1783.

Few returned to their homes. Several of Beverley Robinson's sons went on to high-ranking positions in the British army. Many of the common soldiers and their families were exiled to Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Recreated Regiment

Captain Joshua Barnes' company of the Loyal American Regiment strives to portray soldiers who are proficient with the manual of arms but are also able to adapt to any fighting condition, whether in the field or in the woods, with lightning speed and agility, whether the enemy be foot soldiers or dragoons. We participate in battle demonstrations, camp demonstrations, war games, and wilderness treks.

Constantly researching our unit's history, we try to take our impression seriously (but ourselves lightly). We use light infantry tactics. When a battle begins, we are often firing the first shots.

A member of the British Brigade, the LAR has a membership throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. We heartily invite you to take the king's shilling and join us.

We need hearty lads to help us put down the unnatural American rebellion!



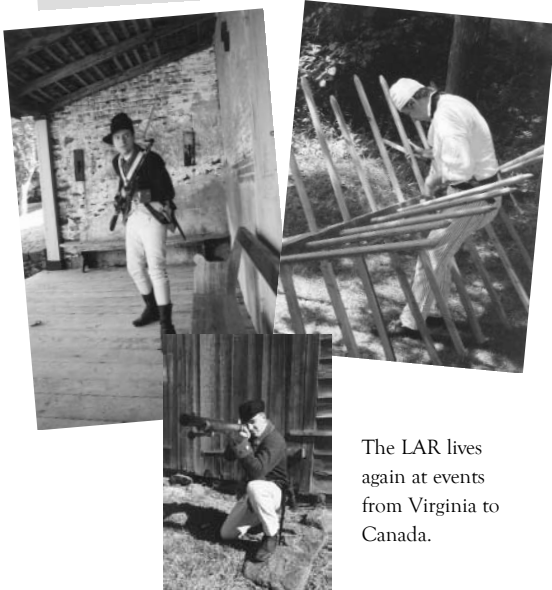
Finding recruits is always a tricky business. Remember, however, that the food is better on the British side.



Left: Col. Beverley Robinson

Below: A recruitment notice for the Loyal American Regiment as it appeared in 1779 in *Livington's Royal Gazette*, a loyalist newspaper published in British-occupied New York City.

All GENTLEMEN VOLUNTEERS,
Who are willing to serve his Majesty in the
Loyal American Regiment,
COMMANDED BY
Col. BEVERLY ROBINSON,
For Two Years or during the Rebellion, shall
upon their being mustered and approved of by
the Inspector-General, receive
Twenty-five Dollars Bounty.
Whatever persons are willing to embrace the
present opportunity offered of approving their
loyalty, let them repair to the Quarters of the
Regiment at Haerlem Heights, or to the Bull's
Head Tavern at New-York, where an Officer
will attend to receive and entertain them.



The LAR lives again at events from Virginia to Canada.

Did you know that more than 20,000 Americans fought for England in the American Revolution? Their enemies called them tories. They called themselves loyalists. Few today realize that at one point in the war, there were more colonists in England's army than in George Washington's.

We are honored to portray these often misunderstood people who lost nearly everything they had to fight for their mother country of England.



JOIN US!



Have a desire to live history rather than just read about it? Wish to engage the regiment for a special program or event? Please contact our unit event coordinator:

Ian Johns
113 Woodpecker Lane
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Or, visit the LAR Web site:
www.loyalamericanregiment.org

Our web site tells you more about our regiment. Read the actual 1779 court martial proceedings concerning our company commander or get our latest reenacting schedule.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

TO ARMS!

Put Down the American Rebellion!



THE
**LOYAL AMERICAN
REGIMENT**

A Loyalist Regiment of the American Revolution
(1777-1783)