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Small Explanation

You'll notice the writing in this edition is a little different than normal. Hurricane Irene flooded out my basement and has resulted in my house being more than a little over turned. Faced with the fact that most of my times is being spent hauling out ruined carpets and rotted boxes and lost books, Greg Urwin kindly stepped in and took time out from his work to get word out to the company for events- Thanks Greg.

Mount Harmon Plantation, Earlvile, MD, September 23-24

Mount Harmon Plantation, one of Maryland's most beautiful historic sites (<http://www.mountharmon.org/>) will play host to an estimated 1,000 reenactors who will come together the weekend of September 23-24, 2011, to recreate various aspects of the Philadelphia Campaign of 1777. Situated on a pristine 200-acre peninsula an hour's drive south of Philadelphia, Mount Harmon Plantation features a restored 18th-century manor house, colonial kitchen, formal boxwood garden, and plenty of open space and wooded ground for camping, tactical maneuvers, amphibious operations, and simulated combat. The plantation's management has acquired a reputation for being reenactor friendly, and participants in this event will not be subjected to the usual bureaucratic hassles that take much of the fun out of so many other events.

The British Brigade has designated Mount Harmon Plantation its second major effort for the 2011 Campaign Season, and Major Morgan has designated it a regimental event for the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America, so we are hoping for a turnout to rival our showing at the Wyoming event last July. Bring enough cartridges to fill your box three or four times, as you can expect lots of action over

the weekend. In addition to battles and skirmishes, troops will engage in tactical demonstrations. There will also be a Colonial crafts fare, a substantial sutlers' row, and food vendors.

Mount Harmon Plantation is easy to find (<http://www.mountharmon.org/directions.html>). For fusiliers coming from the north, take I-95 south to Exit 896 South (toward Middleton). Turn right onto Route 40 (towards Elkton). Follow Route 212 south (towards Chesapeake City) and proceed to Cecilton. In Cecilton, turn right (or west) at the stop light and proceed two miles on Route 282. Turn left onto Grove Neck Road. Proceed 1.5 miles and turn into the Mount Harmon Plantation entrance. It is a two-mile drive to the end of the lane at the plantation house. Along the way, you will spot signs directing you to registration and information on the location of the British camp.

If you are coming from the south, take the Bay Bridge to 301 North. Follow 301 just past Millington, and there turn left onto Route 313. When you reach Galena, Route 313 will turn into Route 213 North. Just drive straight through the light and proceed on to Cecilton. At Cecilton, turn left at the light onto Route 282 and proceed about two miles. Turn left onto Grove Neck Road and go 1.5 miles to the entrance to Mount Harmon Plantation, which will come up on your left. It is a two-mile drive to the end of the lane at the plantation house. Along the way, you will spot signs directing you to registration and information on the location of the British camp.

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Germantown, October 1, 2011

In keeping with tradition, the annual Battle of Germantown reenactment will be sponsored by Cliveden on the first Saturday of October (October 1 this year). During the desperate fighting that raged across Cliveden's grounds on October 4, 1777, the 40th Regiment of Foot transformed that stately mansion into an impregnable stronghold, repulsing repeated attacks by Continental infantry and withstanding vicious pounding by Continental field guns.

This is the sort of event for fusiliers who like to burn powder without having to go to the trouble of pitching camp or marching even moderate distances. There will be two battles (and we win each one), the first at noon and the second at 3:00 P.M. You will get to do a lot of shooting, so bring enough rounds to fill your cartridge box twice (fifty-eight rounds). You will need every shot. Try to arrive at the event site by 10:00 A.M. so you can register and fall in with your fellow fusiliers for a short period of drill. The Regiment wants you to be safe and also to look sharp, as this event usually attracts healthy media coverage.

This event always draws large and appreciative crowds. In addition to a free lunch, each participants receive a large bar of Asher's chocolate in a commemorative Battle of Germantown box. During one of the battles, you will also have the chance to enter Cliveden and fire on the attacking Rebels from a second story window. This is one of the few events where you get to fire from an 18th-century structure – let alone stand in the very spot where the cream of the British Army snatched a stunning victory from the jaws of defeat.

Finding Cliveden is not difficult. It is located at [6401 Germantown Avenue](#) in [Philadelphia](#). The 5.5-acre property occupies a full city block at Germantown Avenue and Johnson Streets in Philadelphia's Historic Northwest. The visitor's entrance is located at the corner of Cliveden and Morton Streets. You can park on the streets around the site, or in the church parking lot opposite the visitor's entrance.

If you are coming from the north, follow the New Jersey Turnpike south to Exit 6, where you will get on the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-276). Follow that about twenty-five miles to the Plymouth Meeting exit (Exit 333). Get off at Plymouth Meeting and turn south onto the Germantown Pike. Follow that road about seven miles, Cliveden Street and Cliveden itself will be on your left.

You can also approach Cliveden via the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76). Take Exit 340 to Lincoln Drive. Turn right onto Johnson Street (the third light) and then turn left onto Germantown Avenue (fourth light). Take the first right onto Cliveden Street.

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