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## **ROCKFORD PLANTATION** June 9,10 2012

Rock Ford Plantation, Lancaster, PA (BB/CL) The Major has been tagged as 2IC 1st Brigade, so Captain Thomson of the grenadier Company will be leading the RWFA. Participants should bring PLENTY OF AMMO, this will be a powder burner! In addition to the usual fireworks on the field there will be plenty of off the field jollification. The kitchen will be under the command of the Major's lovely companion whose culinary skills at Washington Crossing were a highlight of the event. Those who enjoy the fashions will be pleased to know there will be some fashion shows as well.

Centrally located, this will be a good site for units from both North and South and participation is expected to be high. This is one of the two "national" events designated by both the British Brigade and Continental Line. Sponsors are the 4th Continental Light Dragoons and the 64th Regiment of Foot. A Tavern and dance are scheduled in the barn for Saturday night. This will probably be one of THE events NOT to miss!

### Revolutionary Rock Ford 2012 Schedule

Saturday June 9

10:00 AM – Camps open to the public

10:15 AM - British Brigade Sending of the Colors (British Camp)

10:30 AM - Congressional Forces Morning Formation (American Camp) British Battalion Drills (British Camp)

11:00 AM – Congressional Battalion Drill (American Camp)

11:30 AM – Ladies Fashion Show (Mansion House porch)

12:00 PM – Artillery Demonstration (battlefield in front of Mansion House)

12:30 PM – Surgeon Demonstration (Mansion House Porch)

Children's Drill (British Camp parade field – look for Adjutant's tent  
(two flags in front of a large tent)

Lecture: Edward Hand and the Role of Lancaster in the Revolution  
(2nd floor of barn)

1:00 PM – Congressional Army occupies battlefield (battlefield)

3:00 PM – Winning force greets the public

3:15 PM - People of the Armies--Ladies & Military Fashion & Roles (camps)

4:00 PM – Park closes to the public

Sunday, June 10

10:00 AM – Camps open to the public

10:30 AM – Ladies Fashion Show (Mansion House porch)

11:00 AM – Lecture: Edward Hand and the Role of Lancaster in the Revolution  
(2nd floor of barn)

Children's Drill (American Camp parade field - look for Adjutant's tent  
(two flags in front of a large tent)

11:30 AM – Artillery Demonstration (battlefield in front of Mansion House)

12:00 PM – Surgeon's Demonstration (Mansion House Porch)

12:30 PM - People of the Armies--Ladies & Military Fashion & Roles (camps)

12:30 PM – British Army occupies battlefield (battlefield)

2:30 PM – Winning force greets the public

4:00 PM – Park closes to the public

Ongoing (both days):

Kauffman Collection of Pennsylvania Rifles open to public, 2nd floor of barn  
(until 1:00 PM Saturday and 12:30 PM Sunday)

Children's games in Mansion Hard yard  
(until 1:00 PM Saturday and 12:30 PM Sunday)

Period Music with Inishowen under the large tent in front of the Barn  
(until 1:00 PM Saturday and 12:30 PM Sunday)

#### DIRECTIONS TO HISTORIC ROCK FORD PLANTATION

Historic Rock Ford Plantation

881 Rock Ford Rd.

Lancaster, PA 17602

717.392.7223

#### FROM THE WEST & SOUTH APPROACH FROM ROUTE 30 EAST

1) At the intersection of Routes 30 and 462 (where Route 30 bears north), continue straight on Route 462 for several miles.

2) At the point where 462 bears right and north, you are forced to choose between and right or left turn. Turn left onto Broad Street.

3) Follow Broad Street as it curves around, crosses Duke Street, and becomes Chesapeake Street. Turn left into Lancaster County Park , just after the Duke-Chesapeake intersection.

4) Cross the bridge, then take the first left as directed by the sign in the park. Continue on this road until you see the sign for Rock Ford.

5) Turn right onto Williamson Road. Rock Ford is directly ahead of you on the right. There is a parking lot on the right hand side just beyond the house.

THOSE APPROACHING FROM DELAWARE

US 1 South, to Route 41 North, to Route 30 and west to Lancaster is probably the simplest route, although various combinations of back roads are possible.

#### FROM THE EAST & NORTH

- 1) Take route 222 south exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Lancaster .
- 2) When four-lane route 222 ends at Route 30, take exit marked Routes 30 West and 222 South (Exit on right).
- 3) Take the exit marked Fruitville Pike, 501 and 222 South. Go through one stop light, and turn left at the second light onto Fruitville Pike.
- 4) Fruitville Pike becomes Prince Street (222 South). Follow Prince Street to Seymour Street.
- 5) Turn left onto Seymour Street' proceed to the stop sign.
- 6) Turn left onto Queen Street.
- 7) Immediately move into the right lane and turn right on Chesapeake Street.
- 8) Turn right into Lancaster County Park. Cross the bridge, then take the first left as directed by the sign in the park. Continue on this road until you see the sign for Rock Ford.
- 9) Turn right onto Williamson Road. Rock Ford is directly ahead of you on the right. There is a parking lot on the right hand side just beyond the house.

#### THOSE APPROACHING FROM ROUTE 30 WEST OR ROUTE 283

Take the exit marked Fruitville Pike. Get into the right lane and turn right onto Fruitville Pike. Then follow steps 4 through 9 above.

### **FORT FREDERICK - BAR 50th Anniversary National Encampment, June 23-24**

The 23rd being one of the original founding members of the BAR, it is hoped that a goodly turnout will be had on the weekend of June 23 & 24th where we will in garrison at the Fort. This means we have first shot at the barracks but if the barracks are full we will be camped inside the fort's walls. Please RSVP to Ken (781) 444-2589 immediately if you think you want to stay in the barracks. The 23rd will be bringing the colors so officer types are needed to carry them. Non BAR members are usually charged 25.00 per event, but this fee will be covered for you.

Fort Frederick was constructed in 1756 by the Colony of Maryland during the French and Indian War. In 1758 it was used as a supply base for the campaign to capture Fort Duquesne. In 1763, Fort Frederick provided refuge for settlers during Pontiac's rebellion. During the American Revolution, Fort Frederick served as a Prisoner of War camp for the British and German soldiers captured at the battles of Saratoga and Yorktown. The fort even saw action during the Civil War, witnessing a brief skirmish between Federal and Confederate troops on Christmas Day, 1861.

Tentative Schedule Saturday:

0800: Reveille (Musicians)

0930: Safety Inspection

1000: Formations

1030: Unit drill and guard mount and camp activities. Commanders meet to go over battle plans.

11:00BAR activities i.e. People of the 1 Brigade, etc...

1200: Nooning

1300: Form for battle

1330: Battle, ending inconclusively, with a parley. Troops withdraw and rest and drink water, and refit, etc.

1500: Battle resumes with a decisive winner. End of battle: Pass in review for the public.

After review Camp activities, all remains authentic until the public leaves. 1800: Supper with Guest Speaker, Wayne Daniels, BAR Founder 2000: Evening 'revels', song, dance, imbibing, etc. 2300: All quiet, and all fires out

Sunday:

0800: Reveille (Musicians)

0930: Safety inspection.

1000: Formations

1030: Church services in camp. Then unit drill and guard mount and camp activities. Commanders meet to go over battle plans.

11:00: BAR activities i.e. People of the Brigade, etc...

1200: Nooning 1300: Form for battle

1330: TWD Battle, with decisive winner.. End of battle: Pass in review for the public. After review the event is over and members break camp and head home.

A battle may be held Sunday morning, based on interest. Watch the B.A.R. website for updates

Bring unit colours for a possible Trooping of all Colours at one of our closings.

Army Commanders: Crown Forces:

Bvt.-Lt. Col. Roy Najecki HM 40th Regt. of Foot

Allied Forces: Lt. Col Robert Cairns 8th Pennsylvania Regt. Facilities:

Food/Ice /Wood/Water/Straw/Restrooms

There are no restaurants in the immediate area of the Fort, the closest eating establishments being in Hagerstown and Hancock. The Friends of Fort Frederick may be operating a concession stand for breakfasts and lunches, but have not yet decided. Please watch the Brigade website for updates.

Straw, wood and water will be provided by the park. There is a single set of modern restrooms just outside the fort's gate, in the visitor's center. Porta-sans will be located near the camps for easy access. Ice, cold drinks and snacks are available at the Gift Shop.

50th Anniversary Dinner

To help celebrate the Brigade's 50th Birthday, the Brigade is supplying Saturday's evening meal. This is being served at the local Methodist Church, and is being prepared by the local Lions Club. The church is a five minute drive (or corresponding walk) from our camps, and provides an air-conditioned, weather-proof setting with modern restrooms for our meal. The dinner menu is; Roastbeef Mashed potatoes with gravy Vegetable medley Rolls Abutter Cakes & brownies Coffee, tea, and water

Plastic table service and paper plates, cups and napkins will also be provided. All you need to supply is yourself and your appetite.

B.A.R. Founder, Wayne Daniels, will speak & offer insights & reminiscences of the Brigade's first 50 years. Wayne is a member of the 3rd NJ. He is still very active in the Rev. War historical scene, working at the Old Barracks in Trenton.

After dinner we will return to the fort for continued jollification.

Fort Frederick State Park is located in the Cumberland Valley, 18 miles west of Hagerstown, MD, and one mile south of the Big Pool exit off Interstate 70. The Park is 88 miles from Baltimore, and 81 miles from Washington, DC

Hotels/Motels in Clear Spring

Sleep Inn & Suites, exit 18 off I-70 (10 min. from Ft.) 12426 Houck Ave., Clear Spring, Md. 21722 (301) 842-0290 or (866) 969-8065

Hotels/Motels in Hagerstown

18 miles east: Country Inn Suites, (25-30 min. from Ft.) 17612 Valley Mall Rd, Hagerstown, Md. 21740,

(301) 582-5003, exit 5A off I-81 Plaza Hotel, (25-30 min from Ft.) 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, Md. 21740 (301)797-2500 exit 5A off I-81 Spring Hill Suites (25-30 min from Ft.) 17280 Valley Mall Rd., Hagerstown, Md., 21740 (301)582-0011 exit 5A off I-81 Holiday Inn Express, (25-30 min from Ft.) 241 Railway Lane, Hagerstown, Md. 21740, (301)745-5644, exit 5A off I-81 Homewood Suites, (25-30 mins. from Ft.) 1650

Now I usually don't cover BAR events here as it usually requires you to be a member to attend but at this the hosts will be the 40th and the 23rd with Ken Siegel as the XO. Members in good standing of the 23rd will and I quote 'be taken care of.'

At the event we will be defending the fort against the rebels with the 23rd and 40th occupying the barracks. Other units will be tenting it on the parade ground. If you get your name to Ken before hand and assure him you will be there he will set aside a bunk for you.

There will be a cook fire BUT to prevent any repeat of the infamous 1995 Grillo affair, all flames and candles within the buildings will be in enclosed lanterns. For the event you will need at least 2 boxes of ammo more would be better. The battle plan for each day includes an initial attack beaten off with a parley to allow rebels to withdraw-and the audience to talk to both sides, with a send action each day resulting in a decisive victor.

To reach the site. From NY take the Jersey turnpike south to 78W follow this through Jersey, into Pennsylvania to 81S. Merge onto I70 W via exit 4 toward Hancock/Cumberland. At exit 12 get onto MD56/Big Pool towards Indian Springs. Ft Frederick is a little over a mile down the road.

From PA take the PA turnpike west to exit 226. Get onto 11N to 81 south. Merge onto I70 W via exit 4 toward Hancock/Cumberland. At exit 12 get onto MD56/big Pool towards Indian Springs. Ft Frederick is a little over a mile down the road.

#### Seamstresses and Supplies

The Major regrets to inform the membership that G. Gedney Godwin, long a dependable source of items, are no longer a source we can count on for very much. Reports by members to the Major indicate that items are back ordered for months at a time, supplies are limited, phone calls not returned and generally shoddy business practices are in place.

IF you order from GGG be warned that your order may fall through the cracks and you MAY be disappointed as to delivery date or even completion of the order. Please plan accordingly.

There is a new regimental seamstress in Pennsylvania, Fran Wilcox who is in Pipersville, PA. I will be meeting with her shortly to provide samples, patterns etc. She will be doing waistcoats, britches, gaitered trousers, regimentals and gaiters.

In order to maintain uniformity in our dress, the materials for small clothes and regimentals will still be received through the regiment stores, but we will be working on streamlining that.

Fran Wilcox 249 Cafferty Road, Pipersville, PA 18947 (267)885-4022 wfrantastic@gmail.com

There is also available the fine services of ...

Heather Chaffee 15010 Victory Blvd. #102 Van Nuys, Ca 91411 (201) 450-6153 Heath51937@aol.com

#### **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE MAJOR**

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gmorgan53@comcast.net

#### **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

Washington Crossing was an exciting event that saw the 23rd take the field with Von Prueshak's Jaegers, von Donops' Regiment and the 1st Battalion New Jersey Loyalists, for a spirited woodlands tactical which saw us route the American riflemen in their own terrain. A lively dance was enjoyed by everyone on Saturday night as well as several formal battle demonstrations for the public.

### **2012 SCHEDULE UPDATE**

**July 14, 15** British Brigade Market Days and Cricket Tournament, Johnson Hall, NY I think this might be fun and I am willing to lead a 23<sup>rd</sup> team onto the field. Anyone interested call me: 215 262-6013

### **\*\*\*August 3,4 Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle - Warren, NY (BB/CL)**

This site is incredible and the sponsors include many local groups including the local brewery. Our California friends will be flying in for this and it should be an incredible experience. There will be four battles and two of them (one Saturday, one Sunday) will recreate the actual Battle of Oriskany so there will be some special guidelines. Since that Battle did not include Regular Troops from either the British or American Armies, participating units will be clothed as militia. In addition to our early war uniforms which we will need for two of the battles, I am asking any who wish to participate in the Oriskany scenarios to bring appropriate Loyalist militia items such as tricorns, hunting shirts, stocking caps, etc. Those who do not have such items may participate in their RWF small clothes, but for once we are being asked to be non uniform in our appearance so the more variety, the better. So for this battle we will need :

1. Your full EARLY war kit.
2. Some variation or other (no red coats) whereby we can be militia

I am working on dinner arrangements for Minden Day dinner. We will also be wearing roses in our hats when we are in redcoats.

**Sept. 15, 16** Fort #4 Charlestown, NH An urgent plea went out at the BB meeting for attendees to this event which has been designated by the CL as their Northern event of the year. It's a fine site with an actual log fort from which to fight.

**Oct. 6** Battle of Germantown, Germantown, PA

**Oct.26,27** Mt. Harmon Plantation Tactical Weekend Earleville, MD This site is being put forth for an immersion weekend with a full tactical being planned. They are asking for a 10.00/man donation to help cover the expenses. If we have enough interest to make this an event (10 or more RWFA) I will consider using money from the treasury to cover our participation.

**Nov.3,4** Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA

**Dec. 1,2** British Night Watch, St. Augustine, FL