

The Borough of Haddon Heights will host a **Revolutionary War Encampment and Fife and Drum Show** on Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, on North Park Drive, Haddon Heights, off Station Avenue to celebrate the Revolutionary War history of Haddon Heights. The event is free.

Re-enactors from the **Second Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Army** will be in Camden County Park on North Park Drive, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. At noon, members of the **3d United States Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps** will march from the Borough Hall on Station Avenue to the cannons at 10th and Station where they will perform.

The musicians of this unit perform in uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians of Gen. George Washington's Continental Army recalling the days of the American Revolution. Military musicians of the period wore the reverse colors of the regiments to which they were assigned. The uniforms worn by the members of the Corps are dated circa 1781, and consist of black tricorne hats, white wigs, waistcoats, colonial coveralls, and red regimental coats.

Haddon Heights is a registered town in the **Crossroads of the American Revolution**, New Jersey's National Heritage Area between Philadelphia and New York. The Revolutionary War was a series of a few great battles but many skirmishes. Troops fought in this corridor to protect or sabotage movement between these cities. Local militia harassed the British by destroying bridges, including the corduroy bridge over King's Highway, cutting down trees to block roads and firing into the lines. The British in turn ransacked homes and businesses, including the Glover House and Fulling Mill, and stole food and livestock and ravished the Patriot women. "This war was fought on our own soil," stated Rose Fitzgerald, Council President and Event Chair.

Soldiers will set up camp across from the Hinchman-Hurley House. John Hinchman sided with the British after the Declaration of Independence. Hinchman read a protest at the Gloucester County Courthouse and was literally "run out of town;" his property seized. Three other colonial houses remain in Heights: Colonel Joseph Ellis House on Sycamore, John Glover House on Sylvan and Chalkley Glover House on New Jersey Avenue. Glover joined the Patriot cause and was "read out" of his Quaker Meeting. Ellis enlisted with the New Jersey Militia and fought with the Gloucester County Militia and is frequently mentioned in "*The Gallant Men of the Delaware River Forts*," fighting at Fort Mercer, and Cooper's Creek.

Re-enactors of the 2nd Pennsylvania portray typical troops on both sides. The 43rd of Foot was one of the few British units to serve the colonies for the entire war. The 2nd Pennsylvania is noted for its valiant service with Gen. Anthony Wayne. During this living history event soldiers will set up camp and campfires, service equipment, prepare foot conduct drills and speak with local compatriots. Patriot women will prepare and cook meals. Cannons and muskets will be fired.

The Encampment is free, rain or shine. A one hour Walking Tour will take place at 2:00 p.m. A brochure describing the history of these houses is available at the Haddon Heights Library.

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