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Living Historians to Reenact Yorktown Surrender

Living History Event at National Infantry Museum Open to All

Columbus, Georgia – October 1, 2015: It took more than six years of fighting, but the Revolutionary War finally ended on October 19, 1781, when British General Charles Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia.

That momentous occasion will be commemorated on the front lawn of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 17.**

The event marks the 234th anniversary of the American-French victory in over the British. In 1781, following a nine-day bombardment, British forces in Yorktown led by General Charles Cornwallis requested a cease-fire and then surrendered more than 8,000 Soldiers and Sailors to the combined American and French armies commanded by General George Washington. This was the last major military action of the American Revolution, effectively securing independence for the American colonies following a six-and-a-half-year military struggle.

Members of the Coweta Falls Sons of American Revolution and 1st Hamilton Legion Revolutionary War will set up an encampment at the museum, demonstrating life on the battlefield during the late 18th century. They'll reenact the surrender of General Cornwallis at about 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. A \$5 per person donation is requested of guests who visit the museum.



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The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center at Patriot Park, a 155-acre tract linking Columbus, Georgia, and the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, is the first world-class site to pay tribute to the U.S. Army Infantryman and those who fight alongside him. As the only interactive Army Museum in the United States, the museum showcases the contributions of the Infantry Soldier in every war fought by the U.S. by offering immersive participation and engaging visitors in the unique experiences of the Infantry Soldier. The complex also includes a parade field, memorial walk of honor, Vietnam Memorial Plaza, authentic World War II Company Street and giant screen theater. For more information, visit www.nationalinfantrymuseum.org.