



Valley Forge National Historical Park News Release

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Valley Forge National Historical Park Prepares for the “March In” of the Continental Army

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA—Valley Forge National Historical Park will be hosting the [March in of the Continental Army annual event](#) on Monday, December 19, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center complex area. This event commemorates the 239th anniversary of the December 19, 1777 “march in” of General George Washington's Continental Army to Valley Forge and features the 1st opportunity to see the newly rehabilitated Fort John Moore/Redoubt #2, candle-lit ranger tours, fife and drum performances, and interpreters will share stories of the encampment. This is a special opportunity to experience Valley Forge at night.

“This signature Valley Forge event will put an exclamation point on what has been a highly successful and memorable Centennial year for the National Park Service. The annual tradition of celebrating the ‘March In’ honors the most famous and influential winter encampment of the Revolution,” said Acting Superintendent Steve Sims. “The rehabilitation of Fort John Moore / Redoubt #2 was a significant undertaking that we couldn’t have done without the help of the Valley Forge Park Alliance. The fortification is a critical component which will now enable the visitor to have a deeper and richer understanding of the encampment.”

When ready to take the quarter mile, ranger-led lantern walks out to the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts, gather over by the theater. Lantern walks depart every 20 minutes, with the first walk departing at 6:00 p.m. and the last walk departing at 7:40 p.m.

At the Muhlenberg huts,

- Fort John Moore/ Redoubt #2 will be lit up so visitors can get a first- hand view of the fortifications.
- Learning stations at the huts include: civilians and camp supplies, hut construction, camp medicine, camp followers, and children’s activities and games.
- Warm up around the campfire and hear stories from soldiers before heading back to the Visitor Center.

In the Visitor Center:

- Dean Malissa, nationally renowned portrayer of General George Washington, including at Mount Vernon, will bring the general to life with special talks.
- The [Colonial Revelers](#) will be providing 18th century song and dance.
- The Encampment Store will be open and have light refreshments along with sampling historic chocolate.

At the Education Pavilion,

- The Freedom High School Fife and Drum Corps will be playing throughout the night.

This is a free event and does not require reservations. Parking will be available at the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

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About Valley Forge National Historical Park. Valley Forge was the site of the 1777-78 winter encampment of George Washington's Continental Army. The park commemorates the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation and honors the ability of citizens to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times. For more information about the park, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/vafo or call 610-783-1000. Follow Valley Forge on social media: Facebook.com/ValleyForgeNHP, Twitter @ValleyForgeNHP, and Instagram @ValleyForgePark and share your photos and experiences.

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