

THE 240TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT LAURENS

"REVOLUTION ON THE TUSCARAWAS"

35rd Annual NWD BAR Encampment Fort Laurens State Memorial Bolivar, Ohio July 13-14, 2019

In December 1778, a Continental Army of 1,200+ men, commanded by General Lachlan McIntosh, built a small log fortification, designed by Louis Antoine Jean Baptiste Chevalier de Cambray-Digny, a French engineer, and named for The President of The Continental Congress, Henry Laurens. The fort was abandoned in August 1779, after several attacks by British, Loyalist, and Indian forces, and was the region's major link to The American Revolution. Both The 8th Pennsylvania and the 9th/13th Virginia Regiments served at Fort Laurens, as well as Virginia and Pennsylvania militia and Dragoons from North Carolina. The King's 8th Regt. of foot and native warriors laid siege and were involved in small actions around the fort.

Today the fort site is operated by the Ohio History Connection and is the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution. The museum on site helps tell the story of the fort and its context as part of the Revolution, as well as the story of the archeology done at the site.

DIRECTIONS

From north or south, follow Interstate 77 to Bolivar Exit #93 (Bolivar, Zoar, State Route 212), exit, turn west, follow the signs to Fort Laurens State Memorial.

OFF SITE ACCOMODATIONS - Sleep Inn Ramada Inn 1155 St Rt. 212 509 S. Wooster Ave. Bolivar, Ohio Strasburg, Ohio 330-874-3435 330-878-1400 There is a large variety of motels and restaurants in the Dover-New Philadelphia area, 10-15 minutes south of Bolivar. There is also a large variety of motels and restaurants in the Canton/Belden Village area, 30 minutes north of Bolivar.

PROVIDED: At this time, it is hoped that the site will provide Saturday lunch and supper, Sunday lunch, firewood, straw, potable water, porta-johns, (restrooms when The Museum is open), modern camping. The site is cavalry and artillery "friendly". 18th C CAMPS: All troops and CCM are urged to bring their 18th C tentage as a large camp area will improve the public's "experience". Please include in your reservation the number and types of tents you will personally be bringing to Fort Laurens.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER: Because of cost and prep time, the quantity of food prepared will be based upon the number of reservations received. When sending your Event Registration to Bob Cairns by phone (330-455-9722) or by e-mail (robtcairns@cs.com) please indicate which meals you are planning with us. RESERVATIONS are due to Bob Cairns by July 1st. When making your reservation be sure to include:

1. Your name
2. Your unit name
3. Number of soldiers/musicians, and CCM in your party
4. When you will arrive and depart.
5. Number and type of tents
6. Which meals you will be eating with us. (Bring your own mess gear for all meals).

EVENT NOTICE: This is your event notice. There will be no event notice coming in the U.S. mail.

CCM: You are asked to bring children's games, clothing, and ideas for activities to help "engage" our younger visitors.

Units may arrive and set up. * Public will be present and it is hoped that, if and when you are asked about your/our activities, you will share with the public and explain our activities.

There will be an 18th C. Flea Market after the close of activities Saturday evening.

Please bring your own mess gear for all meals.

NWD General Membership Meeting will follow dinner.

Emergency Phone - Fort Laurens State Memorial - 800-283-8914 & 330-874-2059

Tuscarawas County Sheriff & Bolivar Police - 330-874-2113

Stay tuned to the NWD Blasts and the web site, **NWDBARSHOT.com** for any updates or corrections on the Fort Laurens event.

PLEASE remember to send in your return to:

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Email returns are preferred. If you are calling, please do not call till June 11th, I'll be out of town till then.

PLEASE watch your email for updates on this event. This is a VERY important site to the history of the American Revolution in our area and I hope you will ALL plan to attend.

I'll see you at the first formation,

Bob Cairns, 8th Pa., Ft. Laurens Det.
Cmdr., NW Dept. B.A.R.