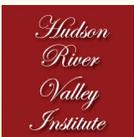


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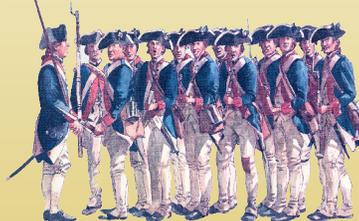
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Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the "Key to Victory." Each year through 2008, the region will observe Patriots' Weekend to commemorate and to celebrate the War for American Independence. Patriots' Weekend (II), 2008 will highlight the 225th Anniversary of the meetings between General George Washington and British General Guy Carleton at the DeWint House in Tappan, at the Onderdonck property in Piermont (the Tappan Slote), and aboard the frigate *Perseverance* off of Sneden's Landing.

PATRIOTS' WEEKEND II, 2008 PIERMONT AND THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC HISTORIC SITE (DEWINT HOUSE) TAPPAN, NEW YORK

On April 19, 1783, General George Washington issued his proclamation to the Continental Army declaring a cessation of hostilities with the British army at New Windsor Cantonment. On May 3rd he left his headquarters in Newburgh and traveled by barge first to West Point and then to Peekskill for the night; he arrived the next morning at the Tappan Slote. On May 4th British General Guy Carleton proceeded aboard the frigate *Perseverance* from New York City to Sneden's Landing and Dobb's Ferry, arriving on May 5th. On May 6th Washington welcomed Carleton ashore at the Onderdonck property, Tappan Slote, after which they proceeded to the DeWint House in Tappan for negotiations about issues relating to the evacuation of New York by the British Army. On May 7th, they met again aboard the *Perseverance* off of Sneden's Landing. Washington received a 17-gun salute upon his arrival aboard and upon his departure, the first formal recognition of the sovereignty of the United States of America.



SATURDAY, May 3, 2008

18th century military activities and camp demonstrations ongoing all day

10:00 A.M. Camp at the George Washington Masonic Historic Site (DeWint House) at Tappan opens.

10:00 A.M. Site opens at Piermont Pier, Piermont.

10:30 A.M. General Guy Carleton comes ashore from *Perseverance* (*Clearwater*) at the Tappan Slote (Piermont Pier) where he is met by General George Washington.

10:45 A.M. Generals Washington and Carleton review the assembled honor guard and then receive appropriate honors. They confer and then General Carleton returns to the *Perseverance*.

11:15 A.M. General Washington boards the *Perseverance* for his meeting with the British to the sound of a 17-gun salute. After meeting, the two generals come ashore to a 17-gun salute.

11:45 A.M. Generals Washington and Carleton proceed by carriage to the DeWint House

The George Washington Masonic Historic Site (DeWint House) Tappan, New York

12:30 A.M. Generals Washington and Carleton receive appropriate honors and salutes upon their arrival at Tappan; they then conduct consultations on agreements leading to the evacuation of New York: return of British prisoners, schedule for evacuation, and disposition of American property, including slaves

1:15 P.M. General Washington ends the meeting by offering his guests "wine and bitters." They then enjoy a "sumptuous repast" provided by "Samuel Fraunces" (Old '76 House), relaxing "in peace and harmony and good fellowship"

2:00 P.M. Formation, inspection, review, and *feu de joie* in honor of both commanders

2:30 P.M. Military music and 18th century artillery and musket/bayonet drill

3:30 P.M. Tactical Weapons Demonstration

4:30 P.M. Retreat; soldiers' camp and site close to public



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