



The 1st NH Regiment involved a reenactment, in September 2021, at Fort 4.

The 300th Week of Celebration August 13-21, 2022: The Encampment and Reenactments

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In Nottingham's year-long celebration of its 300th Anniversary, the week that starts on Saturday, August 13, and concludes on Sunday, August 21, features four major events. These are the following activities then: the Parade on Saturday, the 13th with fireworks that night, the Nottingham Historical Society's Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, the 14th, Nottingham's Talents Salutes the 300th, on Tuesday, the 16th, and a Revolutionary War Encampment and Reenactments Friday through Sunday, the 19th to the 21st. This is the second of four articles focusing on each one of these four events.

To get the full picture of the Revolutionary War Encampment and Reenactments, this reporter sat down with Bob Davidson, Adjutant/Lieutenant from The First New Hampshire Regiment, Reenactment Group. and the organizer for the three-day event, on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. He reviewed the three-day schedule.



Ledge Farm Road divides the two army camps: the Brits' northside next to the Minuteman/ Four Generals statue and Continentals on the southside the US flag flies

It commences on **Friday, Augu19, 2022**. Starting at noon, troops of re-enactors and their partners will arrive, register and set up their camps. This will not be open to the public for that part of the weekend. The Continental Army will be camped on the southside of Ledge Farm Road where the US flag flies in Nottingham Square; the British forces, on the northside next to the Minuteman/ Four Generals statue. Reenactors representing the following groups will compose the Continental Army: the: 1st NH Regiment, which is the host of the event, the 2nd NH Regiment light infantry, the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment line infantry, the 3rd Massachusetts Regiment line infantry, Jeremiah Eames's Rangers light infantry, the 13th Continental Regiment line infantry, the Acton Minutemen line infantry, the United Train of Artillery from Rhode Island an artillery group, the Crane's Continental Artillery Regiment from Rhode Island an artillery group, and the Regiment Saintonge line infantry. All of the units of the Continental Army are all part of the Continental Line which "is an educational organization of recreated units representing the Continental Army, the Continental Artillery, the Continental Marines, the State Navies, the various colonial militias, and units in the service of the French King during the American Revolution." There are two British Army reenactor units His Majesty 10TH Regiment a Foot and the King's Rangers Loyalists.

Along with the two armies moving it on Friday, there would also be the Sutlers. They are folks who sell Revolutionary War items not only here but also at other encampments. They will be located next to the Romeo Danais/ General Butler house. Bob then went on to give more details about the unit and the events. First, he explained the different unit designations line, light, and artillery. Line infantry meant that the units stayed in line formation initially and throughout the battle. They often carried heavier weapons than the light units. The light infantry was involved after the initial line formation; troops would break into small groups. The artillery clearly said they used cannons not muskets. He added the 300th Committee would be providing the campers with water, ice, and firewood. There will also be porta-potties for both reenactors and the public. Public parking will be in several fields on the north side of Deerfield Road as well as to the Community Center and the Nottingham School with shuttles buses provided by the 300th Committee.

The next day, **Saturday, August 20, 2022**, things begin to happen. An artillery blast at 8 AM signals the start of the day. The camping reenactors make and enjoy their breakfasts. At 10 AM the public is invited to enter the campgrounds. From 10 to noon, various units will be doing a variety of activities. These include demonstrating musket firing, parading, drills, and tactical A skirmishes.



Cooking fires at the encampments at the Revolutionary War Weekend Charlestown, NH
September 25-26, 2021



Members of The First New Hampshire Regiment along with other Continental Regiments,
conducting a Drill.

At noon, reenactors cook and have lunch which is called nooning. At 1:15 AM. reenactors move into their positions on the battlefield, which is a huge expanse behind the Romeo Danais/ General Butler house. From 1:30 to 2:30 PM there are enacted a number of battle scenarios. The public is asked to leave at 4:00 PM. The reenactors and their partners have the evening to themselves.



British troops preparing for a reenactment, September 2021, at Fort 4.

On the last day, Sunday, **August 21, 2022**, things concluded with a busy schedule. Again, an artillery blast between 7 and 8 AM signals the start of the day. The camping reenactors make and enjoy their breakfasts. At 10 AM the public is invited to enter the campgrounds. From 10 to noon, various units will be doing a variety of activities. These include demonstrating musket firing, parading, drills, and tactical A skirmishes. At noon, reenactors cook and have lunch which is called nooning. At 1:00 AM. reenactors move into their positions on the battlefield, which is a huge expanse behind the Romeo Danais/ General Butler house. From 1:15 to 2:15 PM there are enacted a number of battle scenarios. Then, at 3:00 PM the camp closes and the public is asked to leave. The reenactors break camp and return home.

Well done and thank you!