

## **‘LIBERTY CELEBRATION’ DRUMS UP PATRIOTIC FUN JULY 4 AT AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN**

YORKTOWN, Va., June 10, 2019 — Salute the 243rd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence during “Liberty Celebration,” July 4 at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., visitors can enjoy music, interpretive programs, military drills and artillery demonstrations, as well as learn about the challenges that faced our nation’s founders, including those who signed the Declaration of Independence.

To mark the patriotic occasion, the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will offer a special lineup on July 4.

### **Patriotic Music & Living-History Demonstrations**

The Fifes and Drums of York Town will perform on the museum’s event lawn at 11:30 a.m. and, at 12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m. join in the “Great American 4th of July Sing-along” with the Cigar Box String Band playing songs from American history that everyone knows by heart.



At the Continental Army encampment from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors can enlist to discover the responsibilities of a soldier in the fight for independence. At 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., learn the drill to fire an artillery piece and then witness as the Continental Army crew fires a cannon salute to our nation’s founders. At 4 p.m., join with other citizens to train as a member of the Virginia militia in “To Arms, To Arms...,” a program using Von Steuben’s manual of arms to teach new soldiers how to march and drill.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Revolution-era farm, check out what’s cooking in the colonial kitchen as farmers prepare 18th-century dishes on the open hearth, using historical recipes from early Virginia cookbooks. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can learn how farmers became more self-sufficient during wartime by raising and processing flax, cotton and wool for homespun cloth in “From Field to Fabric.”

### **Indoor Gallery Exhibits & “Forgotten Soldier” Special Exhibition**

Indoors, view a rare broadside of the Declaration of Independence dating to July 1776 and enjoy showings of “Liberty Fever,” the award-winning introductory film in the museum theater. A new special exhibition, “Forgotten Soldier,” shares personal stories of enslaved and free African Americans on both sides of the American Revolution and their contributions toward establishing an independent nation. The exhibition uses rare documents and artifacts, interactives and compelling art, including a new contemporary work by nationally acclaimed artist Titus Kaphar, to trace the experiences of African-American soldiers who took part in the American cause for a free and independent nation or took up arms for British forces in hopes of obtaining their own freedom.

The event is funded in part by the York County Arts Commission and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Inc. Annual Fund.

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### **Yorktown Fourth of July Celebration**

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown’s “Liberty Celebration” daytime events complement the Yorktown Fourth of July Celebration taking place in historic Yorktown on the evening of July 4.

### **Admission to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**

Admission to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (until 6 p.m. June 15-August 15), is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for ages 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Admission is free for residents of York and James City counties and the City of Williamsburg, including College of William and Mary students, with proof of residency.

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown is located on Route 1020 in Yorktown, near Yorktown Battlefield. Parking is free for museum visitors. A free shuttle service is available to historic Yorktown until 5 p.m. on the Yorktown Trolley. For information, call (888) 593-4682 toll-free or (757) 253-4838, or visit [historyisfun.org](http://historyisfun.org).

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### **Photo caption:**

**The Fifes and Drums of York Town will perform at 11:30 a.m. during “Liberty Celebration” July 4 at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.**

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