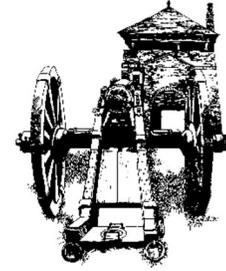


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*The Siege of Fort Niagara 2021
News Update #3*



The following units are registered for the siege of Fort Niagara event on September 17th, 18th, and 19th. If you believe you have registered your unit and it is not on this list please contact Michael Grenier at majorlxiv@frontiernet.net if you are with the British Brigade, Kevin Coyle at lt.coyle@verizon.net if you are with the Continental Line, and John Lopez at jalopez22@yahoo.com if you are with the Brigade of the American Revolution. All units must be registered, walk-ons are not permitted.

CROWN (353 members registered)

1st Coy 3rd Bttn Royal Artillery	24th Regiment	Musketeer Regiment Landgraf
2nd Coy 4th Bttn Royal Artillery	42nd Regiment General's Coy	Infanterie-Regiment von Donop
1st Coy 4th Bttn Royal Artillery	42nd Regiment Grenadier Coy	Von Prueschen's FeldJaegers
Bde of Guards Grenadiers (BB)	42nd Regiment Grants' Coy	Fusilier Regt VonKnyphausen
Bde of Guards Grenadiers (BAR)	43rd Regiment	Queens Rangers Stephenson's
1st Foot Guards	HM Marines	1st Bttn New Jersey Volunteers
8th Regiment Lt Col's Co'y	54th Regiment	4th Bttn New Jersey Volunteers
8th Regiment (OFN Garrison)	64th Regiment	Brant's Volunteers
15th Regt Light Infantry Coy	84th Regiment	Butler's Rangers Capt. Frey's Coy
22nd Regiment	Company of Select Marksmen	Six Nations Indian Dept Niagara
23rd Regiment	His Majesty's Detached Hospital	

CONTINENTAL & ALLIES (343 members registered)

Coren's Artillery	3rd NJ Blues	German Regt
Crane's Artillery	3rd NY Debois	NJ Lights
Brown's Company Artillery	3rd NY Nicholson	PA State Regt (Donegal Rifles)
Lamb's Artillery	4th CT	Volontaires Étrangers de Lauzun
8th PA Artillery	5th NY	Regt Saintonge
4th NY Artillery	5th CT	Clotz's 2nd Lancaster
Mott's Artillery	5th PA	2nd Albany Militia
West Jersey Artillery	5th VA	24th CT Militia
1st Cont Light Dragoons	8th PA	Lexington Training Band
3rd Cont Light Dragoons	9th PA	Simon Hunt's
First Continental Regt	9th MA	South Carolina Militia
1st NY	10th MA	Dept. Geographers
2nd CT Lights	10th VA	Hoisington's Rangers

Please share the following with your attending members!

BARRACKS SPACE AVAILABLE

Due to some shrinkage in expected numbers, there is available space in our barracks accommodations in both the South redoubt (best for Continental units) and in the Castle. One or two additional units could be accommodated in each. First come, first served. Notify the Barracks Master, Michael Grenier, at majorlxiv@frontiernet.net.

FRIDAY SCHOOL SHOW CANCELLED

The Friday school show presentations were cancelled this week due to pandemic concerns and problems with school bus transportation (great shortage of drivers out here). Thanks to all those who offered to help with the program, but you should plan on doing some touring instead.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fort needs assistance with crowd control during battles. If you are not in a battle but plan to watch you might as well have the best viewing spot while directing people to not get too close to the rope lines. You may talk to them also if you want to share knowledge. We need 15 volunteers for each demo. Tactical demos are 6PM on Friday; 11AM, 2PM, and 7PM on Saturday; and 11AM and 2PM Sunday. Artillery demos are at 4PM both Saturday and Sunday. Congress Army volunteers please contact Kevin Coyle at lt.coyle@verizon.net, Crown forces contact Michael Grenier, at majorlxiv@frontiernet.net.

CAMP RULES

1. As originally communicated, the Fort does not provide straw, a decision made many years ago, as the clean-up was onerous, especially inside the buildings. Remind your members that they are responsible for their own bedding, including whatever padding they want.
2. As the Fort is still an active archeology site (none underway this year), kitchens will be provided with steel plates on which to build their cooking or camp fires. No fire pits are to be dug.

TAVERN CONTRACT SIGNED

First, note that Old Fort Niagara is under New York State Parks regulations including their no alcohol policy. This is why we are sponsoring a Tavern for Saturday night's party, as there is an exception which allows the issuance of a special one-time permit to the Fort good only at their historic Officer's Club allowing us to offer complementary beer and wine to reenactors age 21+.

Current New York State Parks regulations specify: "Prohibition. It is prohibited for any person to consume, possess with intent to consume, transport in an open container or sell any alcoholic beverage on property under the jurisdiction of the [NY State Parks] office." This is why OFN notes on their reenactor website that, "Current New York State Park regulations PROHIBIT reenactors from possession or consumption of alcohol. This regulation includes reenactments at Old Fort Niagara."

Brickyard Brewing Co. has contracted with us to provide a 4-tap beer truck from which they will serve us from 8PM until last call at 10 PM. They will offer a pale ale (White Bronco IPA), an amber ale (Tom's Mild), a light lager (Ledge Party Light Lager) and a more robust lager (Oktoberfest Lager). They also will be serving red wine and white wine. A selection of cold soft drinks in cans will also be available.

FRIDAY TACTICAL

You have seen from the schedule that there is a small, optional, closed-to-the-public tactical on Friday evening at 7PM. Please let us know of any of your members who plan to participate.

MEALS (UPDATE)

Saturday and Sunday hot breakfast are provided by the Fort at the maintenance building from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each day. Bring your own plates, bowls, and cups, please. If you cannot, disposable plates and utensils will be available.

Note that the haversack/plowman's lunch on Sunday includes cold sausage, cheese, apples, and bread. Units will need to provide their own beverage(s) and may want to have butter, jam, and other supplements on hand. The objective is to reduce the amount of prep time and clean-up required so that you can focus on having a good time and getting out quickly at end of day. The distribution point is changed. Units **inside** the Fort will collect their rations at 9:30AM at the Log Cabin by the postern gate. Units camped **outside** the Fort will collect their rations at 9:30AM at the 1st New York McCracken's Company fly.

SOUVENIR PRINT CONFIRMED

One of the treasures in the possession of Fort Niagara is a watercolor artwork of Fort Niagara painted from what is now the Canadian side of the river (Niagara-on-the-Lake today) and dated to c.1784, although the name of the artist is not known. The original watercolor is 10 5/8" by 14 1/8". According to the late naval author and artist Robert Malcomson, the larger vessel on the left is likely to be the *Caldwell*, launched at Niagara in 1775; last mentioned in 1793. It has Sloop rig, burden of 37 tons; with a deck 52' long x 18' wide; and armed with 2 four-pounders & 6 swivel guns. He also identified the two-masted ship in center as the



Haldimand — launched at Oswegatchie in 1771; last mentioned 1785. It has a Snow rig (although the trymast is not represented) and is of 150 tons; with deck 76' long x 25' wide; and 16 four-pounders. The painting does not seem to represent enough gun ports, which seems to suggest that the artist was not necessarily concerned with capturing every detail of the ships.

The original painting is damaged and worn, but now has been digitally restored. This version has never been published. As a souvenir of the event, every adult costumed reenactor (16 years age or older) will be given an 8" X 10" Giclée print of this work on fine art stock.

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE AGAIN

We have decided to take orders for our very popular T-Shirt at the registration table at Fort Niagara. The price will be higher than before to cover shipping to your home. As before, Red, Blue, and Green shirts are available in standard sizes S, M, L, & XL; and in XXL and XXXL. Ladies sizes are the same prices, but only Red and Blue are available.

MEDICAL SUPPORT

The Fort has an excellent emergency plan. Although they do not have an EMT on staff, they do have professional first aid kits in both the office and the Castle and an AED machine for the defibrillation. The Coast Guard station two minutes away outside the postern gate has been notified of the event and will have EMT-trained folks standing by in case of emergency. The Youngstown ambulance department is five minutes away and has also been notified of the event.

SIEGE WORKS – HELP NEEDED!

We are still looking for fascines, gabions, and chevaux-de-frise to extend the earthwork siege lines. Please contact Michael Grenier at majorlxiv@frontiernet.net or phone at 585-671-8738 or to volunteer a contribution, discuss, or ask questions.

**MUSIC PROGRAM**

The 1 p.m. Music Program each day will be a combined presentation by both Crown and Congress army musicians. Musicians will be notified of the time and place for a joint rehearsal on Saturday morning.

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