*Putnam Memorial State Park, Redding, Connecticut November 5, 2022*

*This one-day event will commemorate the 244th anniversary of the arrival and encampment of Genl Putnam’s Division in 1778.*

On their march north to destroy the supply depot in Danbury, CT, Crown Forces were met with several ambushes by local militia and Continental troops. The Crown likewise gave back as good as they got. The barricade at Ridgefield, CT was meant to stop the British, but that battle is said to have lasted only 15 minutes. “Camp Reading,” today the site of Putnam Memorial State Park, was created the following year because of the Danbury Raid.

**244th Anniversary Putnam Park Encampment, Redding, CT**

Accurate returns are needed by October 28, 2022. Lunch will be served to all registered participants. The event will include artillery and calvary demonstrations, People of the Brigade, Children’s wooden musket drill, and a Battle or Tactical Weapons Demonstration.

Your return is very important to ensure sufficient food — the earlier you submit it the better!

The weather in Connecticut in early November can be very cool or warm and pleasant, if we have an Indian summer. If you are camping Friday and/or Saturday night, please plan accordingly.

Camping on site will be available both Friday and Saturday nights. Please indicate on your return form if you will be camping and which nights you will be camping. In the 18th century camp, only common soldier’s wedge tents will be used.

All local units are asked to bring a common soldier’s wedge tent to set up on the tent line. Please indicate on the return how many tents you will be bringing.

Emergency contact numbers:

Park Visitor’s Center: 203-938-2357

Redding Police Dept: (203) 938- 3400

For more information on the park’s history, please visit the Friends and Neighbors website: <http://putnampark.org>.

Please check on the Brigade website for updated information.

TO REGISTER: Unit Commanders & CCM members, please go to <https://forms.gle/cKtmyZMdRTXsvYDh7> .

**Questions? Contact Event Coordinators**

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**Directions**

**Off I-95:** take Exit 17. Take Route 136 north for 9 miles. At the intersection of Route 136 and Route 58, take Route 58 north and drive 8.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 107 and Route 58.

**Off the Merritt Parkway Southbound:** Take Exit 42. Take Route 136 north for 5.2 miles. At the intersection of Route 136 and Route 58 take Route 58 north and drive 8.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 107 and Route 58.

**Off the Merritt Parkway Northbound:** Take exit 44. Take Route 58 north for 12.4 miles. Putnam is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

**From the East:** **Off I-84 westbound,** take Exit 10. Go right off the exit and follow to Route 25 south. Take a right onto Route 302 west and follow approx. 6 miles to Route 58 south. Take a left onto Route 58 and follow south for 2.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

**From the West: Off I-84 eastbound**, take Exit 10. Go left off the exit and follow to the Route 25 south. Take a right onto Route 302 west and follow approx. 6 miles to Route 58 south. Take a left onto Route 58 and follow south for 2.8 miles. Putnam Memorial is at the intersection of Route 58 and Route 107.

**244th Putnam Park Event Schedule**

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

8:00 Arrival, registration, and camp set-up

9:45 Unit Commander's Meeting (Parade ground in front of camp)

10:00 Formation and Safety Inspection

Camp opens to public

10:30  All Forces Drill (Practical maneuvers for tactical)

11:00 Artillery Demonstration

11:30 Cavalry Demonstration

12:00 Nooning

1:00 People of the Encampment

1:30 Children’s Muster and Drill

2:30 Artillery Demonstration

3:00 Tactical Weapons Demonstration (battle reenactment)

4:00    Camp closed to public