



# Frederica Almanack

## A Good Time to Experience Frederica

Fort Frederica National Monument truly comes to life during the Spring and Summer months. Flowers and trees bloom, insects buzz (and bite) and park interpretive and education programs increase. It is a good time of year to explore Fort Frederica and the stories that are preserved within the park. A variety of opportunities to learn Frederica's history will be presented in the next few months.

### Frederica Folkways Programs

The Frederica Folkways programs highlight the lifestyles of the settlers and soldiers that called Frederica home. On Saturday, May 16 and June 20, the life of a soldier is highlighted during a special tour of the townsite that includes the sites of the town that were important to their lives. This program includes a musket firing demonstration. The program will begin at 2:00 pm.

### National Park Week

National Park Week (April 18 - 26) is an annual Presidentially proclaimed week for celebration and recognition of your National Parks. Fort Frederica National Monument will present several programs about the area's history as part of National Park Week.



Join a soldier from the 42nd Regiment of Foot, Oglethorpe's Own to learn about the day-to-day life of the troops on May 16 and June 20. (photo by Jill Breslin, VIP)

### An Evening in a Colonial Tavern

On April 18, the Bennett Tavern is open for business again at 7:00 pm. Join a National Park Ranger on a 'pub crawl' throughout the town of Frederica and visit these vitally important businesses. The bulk of the program will occur at the Bennett Tavern site where visitors will be immersed in the nightlife of this colonial town. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

### Hands-On-History Camp

Interested in history? Experience life in the 18th century by joining the park ranger staff for three FUN-filled (but educational) days. Reservations required by June 15, 2009. The camp is free and will occur from 9 am - 1 pm on June 22-24.

For more information about the upcoming events at Fort Frederica National Monument, take a look at the Calendar of Events on page 4.

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## Opportunities for Exploring Frederica's History

Fort Frederica's history is complex and difficult to grasp sometimes. Where once a flourishing town stood, bleaching ruins and foundations dot the landscape. Here are a few suggestions to really immerse yourself in Frederica's history.

❖ Watch the park orientation film, *History Uncovered*.

❖ Become a Volunteer and portray a person from the past.

❖ Stand at the fort and watch the waters of the Frederica River slip past until a dolphin surfaces or a ship sails past.

❖ Become a Junior Ranger.

❖ Attend the Living History Festival on February 21st.

❖ Read Francis Moore's Journal while sitting next to his house foundation.

❖ Take the new audio tour.

❖ Visit the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine, Florida to learn the Spanish perspective on Frederica's history.

❖ See the fort from a boat on the Frederica River and estimate the number of times the long-range cannon of Frederica could have shot at you before you could shoot at Frederica.

❖ Visit Jekyll Island's Horton House ruins.

❖ Ask questions of the rangers and volunteers.

**Enjoy your time at  
Fort Frederica  
National Monument**

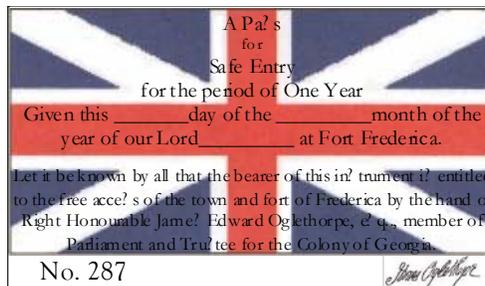
## Brush with Greatness

Tuesday, March 17 started off as just another typical day at Fort Frederica National Monument and lo and behold the staff was dressed just right, it being St. Patrick's Day, everyone had on green.

The park was preparing for a field trip by a local area school. Chief Ranger Kim Coons was educating the kids on the National Park Service and how important a Ranger's job is – to preserve and protect this place so others can visit and appreciate it in the future. After completing the program a lady walked up to Ranger Coons and complimented her on the job she had done and told her how impressed she was that we were telling the children about the National Park Service.

She then identified herself as the granddaughter of Stephen T. Mather, the founder of the National Park Service and the first National Park Service director. Although she never met her grandfather she said she was raised to follow the principles of conservation and preservation. Mather's granddaughter truly made a lasting impression on the park staff with her historical connection to her grandfather.

You never know who might drop in.



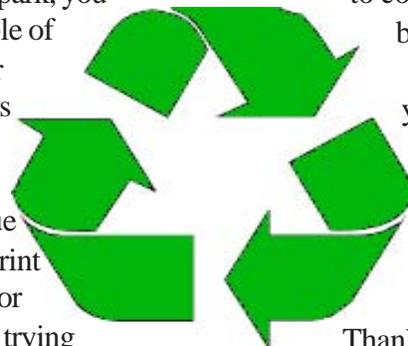
## Experience a Year of History with the Fort Frederica Pass

The number of special programs at Fort Frederica National Monument is Growing. With all the new offerings you might want to consider purchasing an annual Fort Frederica pass. The \$10

pass entitles the holder (including spouse, children, and parents) to free admission to Fort Frederica for one year from the time of purchase. You can purchase the pass at the counter in the Visitor Center. A portion of each park pass sale stays in the park and supports special projects and programs.

## Help the Park — Recycle Your Brochure

While visiting the park, you may notice a couple of wooden boxes for recycled brochures at the Visitor Center and near the Cemetery. Due to rising costs to print these beautiful color pamphlets, we are trying



to conserve our resources by reusing the brochures for future visitors. If you do not want to keep your brochure as a souvenir, please do your part by using the recycling boxes.

Thank you!

# Suprises in the Archeological Collection: Imari Porcelain

**Imari porcelain** is the European collectors' name for Japanese porcelain wares made in the town of Arita, in the former Hizen Province, northwestern Kyûshû, and exported from the port of Imari, Saga, specifically for the European export trade.

Imari was simply the trans-shipment port for Arita wares. The kilns at Arita formed the heart of the Japanese porcelain industry, which developed in the 17th century, after the porcelain clay was discovered in 1616 by an immigrant Korean potter Yi Sam-pyeong (1579–1655). After the discovery, Arita kilns introduced Korean style over-glazing



Above: Imari Porcelain from the Fort Frederica Archeological Collection. (NPS Photo)

technique and refined designs from China. “Imari porcelain” connotes Arita wares more specifically designed to catch the European taste.

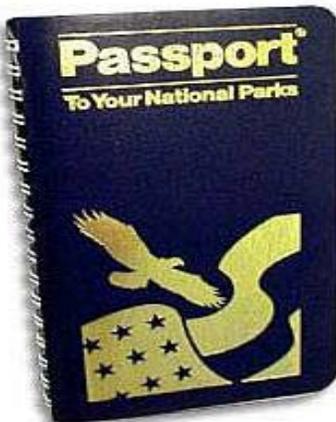
Dutch traders had a monopoly on the insatiable export trade, the first large order being placed at Arita by the Dutch East India

Company in 1656. The trade peaked in the late 17th century and was slowly replaced by Chinese kilns in the early 18th century and ended 1756, as social conditions in China settled with the full establishment of the Qing Dynasty. Imitating Arita designs, fine “Chinese Imari” export wares were produced in the 18th century, eclipsing the original Japanese exports.

An example of this “Imari porcelain” was found in one the abandoned wells at the Thomas Hawkins House by Archeologists Charles Fairbanks in the late 1940s-early 1950s. It looks like a small bowl, but it is possibly a tea cup, since most 18<sup>th</sup> century tea cups did not have handles on them. It is a rare find, since the majority of porcelain in the Frederica collection is from China not Japan.

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## National Parks Passport Book and Stamps



A great way to explore your National Parks is to have a handy guide with you in the form of the National Parks Passport Book. Many visitors mark their journeys by collecting cancellation stamps in these books and collecting the colorful national and regional stamps each year. For more information ask in the visitor center bookstore.



# Fort Frederica National Monument 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs, dates and scheduled times subject to change (912) 638-3639  
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APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p><b>4</b> Colonial Games: Cribbage 2 pm</p> <p><b>18</b> An Evening in a Colonial Tavern 7 pm</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2 pm</p> <p><b>30</b> Story time at the Fort 10 am</p> 	<p><b>6</b> 18th Century Kid's Games 2 pm</p> <p><b>20</b> Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2 pm</p> <p><b>22-24</b> Hands-on-History Camp</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs 11 &amp; 2</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p> <p><b>25</b> "A Thanksgiving for Victory" 2 pm</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs 11 &amp; 2</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Colonial Games: Farkle, a dice game 2 pm</p> <p><b>Daily Ranger Programs 11 &amp; 2</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Frederica Folkways: 18th Century Cooking all day</p> 
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fort Frederica Needs You!</b></p> <p>Are you interested in history? Would you like to help share the story of Fort Frederica and the early settlement of the Colony of Georgia? Do you want to help the National Park Service preserve this incredible place for future generations?</p> <p>If so, please consider becoming a National Park Service volunteer. If you are interested in making a difference in your national park, please visit the Visitor Center to get a volunteer application or contact volunteer coordinator Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or e-mail <a href="mailto:Jon_Burpee@nps.gov">Jon_Burpee@nps.gov</a>.</p>		
<p><b>24</b> Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p> 	<p><b>16</b> Storytime at the Fort 10 am</p> <p><b>30</b> Frederica Folkways: Making Tabby 2 pm</p> 	<p><b>12</b> James Oglethorpe's Birthday Celebration 10 am - 4 pm</p> <p><b>25</b> Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p> 			

**EXTREME FIRE DANGER.**  
Please be careful with cigarettes.

# A First Timer's Guide to Visiting Fort Frederica

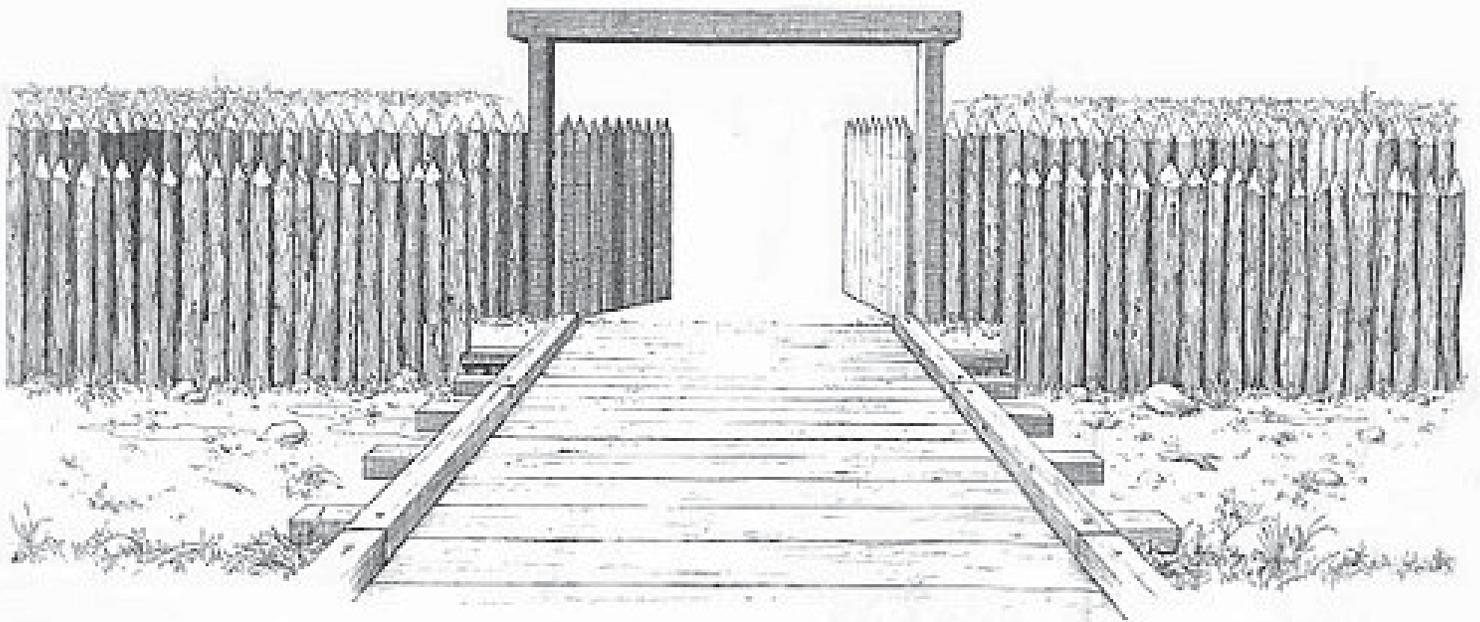


## **Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument.**

You are in store for an adventure through a surprising history. Frederica's stories range from the broad — clash of empires, life and death battles that will decide the fate of an entire region — to the personal stories of struggle, hardship and victory/defeat. You have many options to uncover these tales.

Over the next few pages, this guide will help you get the most out of your visit today.

**Enjoy!**



## Visitor Center Museum

Fort Frederica National Monument's Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. It offers exhibits that feature many of the artifacts recovered from archeological digs. Interactive computers and hands-on activities are designed to introduce the site's history and prepare visitors for exploration of this town and fort.

**Allow 10-20 minutes in the museum exhibits.**

## Orientation Film

*History Uncovered* is a good place to start your discovery of Fort Frederica. It provides an introduction to the history of Fort Frederica and its archaeological resources. The British-Spanish struggle for control of the region is brought to life utilizing living history interpreters and subject experts.



**Running Time: 23 minutes**  
**Shows every 30 minutes in the Visitor Center Theater.**

## Kid's Activities

**History comes to life for kids at Fort Frederica.**



**Junior Ranger Program.** Experience one of the most unique junior ranger programs in the National Park System. Kids can check out a soldier's haversack loaded with colonial tools and items that will help them complete activities to earn a junior ranger badge. The activities take about 1 1/2 hours to complete.

**Try-on Colonial Clothes.** Dress as a colonial lady or soldier. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

**18th-Century Games and Activities Table.** Try your hand at colonial games and learn about children in the 18th-Century. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

**Hands-On Musket Drill.** Learn about the life of a British soldier by participating in a hands-on musket drill program. For more information, ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.

## Safety

Fort Frederica National Monument is committed to provide visitors with a quality and safe experience and you can help.

### Safety Notes

- Please take note of any signs that guard against hazards.
- While walking the beautiful tree-lined streets, watch out for hazardous limbs.
- Please do **NOT** seek shelter under any of the huge live oaks if thunder and lightning are in the area.
- Please stay out of ruins to help us preserve them for the future.

Although we strive for a safe environment, we may miss something. Please let us know how we can improve.

## Accessibility

At Fort Frederica National Monument, we want everyone to be able to experience the surprising history of Fort Frederica. To accomplish this goal, we offer a few services to allow everyone the opportunity to explore this history fully.



**Golf Carts** - For those with mobility impairment, a golf cart can be used. Simply inquire with a ranger or volunteer at the front desk. In order to reserve a cart you will need to supply a driver's license, which will be returned upon the return of the cart.

**Open Captioning** for the film *History Uncovered* - Captions are specifically designed for viewers with hearing loss to enable their full participation when viewing the park film. The captions include information regarding on- and off-screen sound effects such as music or laughter. Captions also hold secondary benefits for people who are learning a foreign language, or learning how to read, as well as those who understand best by processing visual information.

**Audio Description** for the film *History Uncovered* - Audio description describes the visual content of the film. It provides individuals who are visually impaired with information that further describes the visual content not provided by the primary audio track. An audio description narrator describes actions, gestures, scene changes, and other visual information.

If there is any way that we can make your visit better, please let us know.

## Interpretive Programs

Interpretive programs offer a great way to discover the many layers of Frederica's history.



**Audio Tours.** This 45-minute tour takes you through the heart of Frederica to the Fort. Narration and the sounds of the town help bring the town to life.

**Guided Tours.** Explore Frederica's history with a park ranger.

**Historic Weapons Programs.** Learn about the life of a British soldier and experience a musket firing demonstration.

**For more information about today's schedule ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.**



## **Bloody Marsh**

Six miles south of the main unit of Fort Frederica National Monument is a small site that memorializes the final battle between British and Spanish forces on St. Simons Island. The site has a few exhibits and a great view of what is now known as Bloody Marsh. Bloody Marsh is located on Demere Road. For directions, please ask at the Visitor Center desk.



## **The Spanish Side of the Story**

Consider traveling a few miles south to visit the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas located in St. Augustine, FL. These National Park Service sites tell the story of the Spanish settlement and claims to the region and figure prominently in the history of Fort Frederica.



## Historian's Corner:

### The Tragic Story of Lieutenant George Sterling

**Editor's Note:** *Perhaps the least understood aspect of Frederica's history is the role of the soldiers stationed at Fort Frederica. This is the third article in a series about the 42nd Regiment. Last edition's article explored the troublesome nature of some of the regiment's soldiers. This issue looks at one particular officer.*

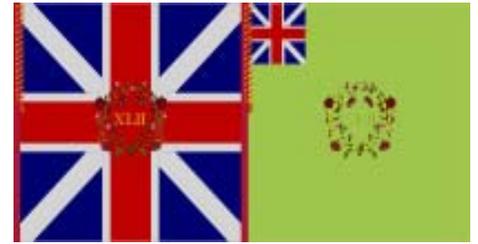
Of all the officers of the 42nd Regiment of Foot, none has quite the tragic and intriguing story of Lieutenant George Sterling.

Sterling was commissioned as an ensign in the Major's Company (At that time, Alexander Heron's Company) on September 24, 1740. He was promoted to lieutenant on December 25 of the same year. (Clark, Murtie June. *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1986. p. 977). He probably was a 'gentleman-volunteer' since he received his commission a few years after the arrival of the regiment. Quite a few gentleman-volunteers came with the regiment with the hopes of getting an officer commission as openings became available. Sterling was lucky to receive his commission, but never made captain. While in Georgia, he did not have a good time as pointed out by a modern historian.

"One of the regiment's most unfortunate incidents involved Lieutenant George Sterling...In

late 1743 several officers entered his house, overturned his possessions, and broke his sword. When Sterling attempted to present a complaint to the civilian magistrate another officer interrupted the proceeding. Shortly after William Horton transferred him to Fort Prince William where he remained for two years until his health failed and he was returned to Frederica and placed under the surgeon's care. In the summer of 1747 he received Lieutenant Colonel Heron's permission to take leave in England, and while aboard a boat bound for Port Royal, where he was to board a ship, he committed suicide by cutting his throat." (Iver, Larry E. *British Drums on the Southern Frontier, The Military Colonization of Georgie, 1733-1749*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1974. pp. 207-208)

A period document, however, implies that Sterling's death was perhaps not a suicide. Frederica's recorder, John Terry, wrote a letter to Harman Verelst on December 20, 1747 that is quite intriguing. (*The Colonial Records of the State of Georgia: Original Papers, Correspondence, Trustees, General Oglethorpe and Others. 1745-1750*. Volume 25. pp. 246-248). I have retained the original punctuation and spelling of Terry's letter.



“By the Last Letters w<sup>ch</sup>. I rec<sup>d</sup>. from America I am informed of A very Strange & Mallingcholy Affair, Viz, That Lieu<sup>t</sup>. George Sterling Has Cut his Throat, In his passage from Frederica to Port Royal where He was going to Embark for England on Board of Capt Thomson Ship, The Circumstances in w<sup>ch</sup>. this is Said to have Happend, Make it the More Surprizing, No Doubt the Hon. the Trustees Remember what I wrote To the Board, Relating the ill Usage & Cruel Treatment that Poor Gentleman Mett with at Frederica & the Damage he thereby Sufferd, & how afterwards he was Hoisted away to Prison at Fort William Because he Insisted on Such Satisfaction As the Law shoud Direct, During his Imprisonment at Fort William he Sufferd Many Hardships & Rec<sup>d</sup>. many Insults, in So much that his Health was thereby Dstroyd & All most Lost his Eye Sight, after Near two years Confinement there He was bro<sup>t</sup>. back to Frederica to be Assisted by the Doctors, where he Continued Under Arrest Untill the Arrival of Capt Thomson there, when he & the other Officers Under Arrest were Orderd to do Duty, Some time after, This Unfortunate Gentleman, Applied to the Commanding Officer for Leave to Come to England for the Recovery of his Health

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## Sterling, cont.

& Eye sight, which was Not Granted to him till After Capt Thomson's Vessell was at Port Royal, And it was in His way thither it is said he Comitted this Barbarous Act, But how that Unhappy Gentleman Can have Comitted Such an Act of Violence on himself At a time when he Enjoyed his Precious Liberty, of w<sup>ch</sup>. he had been for Some Years So Unjustly Deprived of, who when Arived in England was Sure to have

Justice Done to him, Both for the Damage he Sufferd & the Insults he rec<sup>d</sup>. As well As for his Long & false Imprisonment, Makes this Unhappy Affair the More Un Accountable, — at Frederica Have taken Great pains to persuad Others here, That the s<sup>d</sup>. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Sterling Was Intirely Dis Orderd in his Senses, And to what purpose such a falsity Has been wrote, God Alone Knoweth, I also

Know, & I Even wrote it to The Board, That Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup>. Goldship (Goldsmith) as Vile a fellow as Ever Lived, Speaking To me Said & Swore w<sup>th</sup>. Bitter Impracations that the s<sup>d</sup>. Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Sterling Shoud Never Go Out of the Colony alive, of w<sup>ch</sup>. Threat I then Also Infomed Capt Horton, I hope that the Unfortunate Mr. Sterlings Sister will find friends to Dive In to the Bottom of the affair.”

## A New Quay Wall

Fort Frederica National Monument now has a new quay wall. OTAK Group started demolition on the old wall on November 10, 2008. They finished with the reconstruction on February 4, 2009. The new seawall has been cleared back for approximately 25 feet with four benches that have been

installed for public use with a very nice view of the river.

The contractors did a great job, providing a clean and safe work environment for the public

and the park. The boat dock has not been reinstalled as of this time but the park is in the works trying to schedule the work to be done.



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archaeological site that shares and preserves the history associated with the British settlement of the Colony of Georgia and the struggle with Spain for control of the region. The National Park Service values working with partners and the public to bring this special history to life.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



*A Demonstration of the new  
Long Land Pattern Musket  
Including,  
A Description of the  
Battle of Bloody Marsh &  
the Method used to win the late war  
against the forces of Spain & the  
effects of this war upon the future of  
Frederica and the Colony of Georgia*

As told by  
A Soldier in his Majesty's Army  
serving in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot.

**Saturday, July 7, 2009.  
2:00 p.m.  
Battle of Bloody Marsh Site**

Fourty Second Regiment of Foot commanded by His Excellency Colonel  
JAMES EDWARD OGLETHORPE, M.P.

ALL INTREPID ABLE-BODIED  
**H E R O E S,**



HO are willing to Serve His MAJESTY KING  
GEORGE the Second, in Defence of their Country,  
Laws and Constitution, against the Usurpations of the Spanish  
and French, have now not only an Opportunity of manifesting  
their Spirit, by assisting in reducing to Obedience their too-long  
deluded Enemies, but also acquiring the polite Accomplish-  
ments of a Soldier, by serving only seven Years.

Such spirited Fellows, who are willing to engage, will be  
rewarded at the end of their service, besides their Laurels, with  
50 Acres of Land, where every gallant Hero may retire, and  
enjoy his Bottle and Lass.

Each Volunteer will receive, as a Bounty, ONE SHIL-  
LING, besides Arms, Cloathing and Accoutrements, and every  
other Requisite proper to accommodate a Gentleman Soldier,  
by applying to Captain ALEXANDER HERON at the BAR-  
RACKS at Cross-street in the TOWN of FREDERICA.

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Fort Frederica National Monument is recruiting a few interested volunteers to portray the soldiers of Heron's Company of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot. For information about an upcoming organizational meeting, please contact Park Ranger Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or [Jon\\_Burpee@nps.gov](mailto:Jon_Burpee@nps.gov)



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Every year, hundreds of young visitors complete the requirements to earn a Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Badge. If you want more information on the Junior Ranger program, ask a ranger or volunteer in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★ Patrick Harvey, age 5, Seville, OH
- ★ Whitney LeMay, age 11, Woodbridge, VA
- ★ Sarah LeMay, age 9, Woodbridge, VA
- ★ Josiah Mispion, age 7, Franklin, WI
- ★ Geoffrey Arnot, age 14, Oxford, NC
- ★ Ryan Arnott, age 12, Oxford, GA
- ★ Logan Casey, age 9, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Tyler Lewis, age 8, Orlando, FL
- ★ Annie Beane, age 11, Columbia, SC
- ★ Sims Harper, age 7, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★ Evan Harper, age 10, St. Simons Island, GA
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- ★ Kyle Brown, age 8, Milford, PA
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- ★ Grayson Windham, age 10, Brooks, GA
- ★ Taylor Darnell, age 12, Peachtree City, GA
- ★ Mary Grace Bridges, age 10, Peachtree City, GA
- ★ Caroline Windham, age 12, Brooks, GA
- ★ Tyler Burrell, age 11, Fayetteville, GA
- ★ Sydney Burrell, age 9, Fayetteville, GA
- ★ Lauren Croft, age 9, Brunswick, GA
- ★ Olivia J. Malice, age 13, Marietta, GA
- ★ Frank Malice, age 12, Marietta, GA
- ★ Abby Grimes, age 9, Waycross, GA
- ★ Carl Doane, age 7, Barrington, NH
- ★ Gregory Doane, age 11, Barrington, NH
- ★ Thomas Cooper, age 7, Monticello, GA
- ★ Tyler Cooper, age 11, Monticello, GA
- ★ Chandler Dixon, age 13, Carrollton, GA
- ★ Amariah Dixon, age 13, Carrollton, GA
- ★ Ana Lodhi, age 10, Marietta, GA
- ★ Amber Lodhi, age 8, Marietta, GA
- ★ Charlie Cottle, age 10, Tifton, GA
- ★ Chase Cottle, age 11, Tifton, GA



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