



Frederica Almanack

The Raid on Jekyll Island Horton House Living History Event, July 11th

This July, come see what the colonists were fighting for before they knew what independence was all about. Events on both St. Simons and Jekyll Island will highlight the fateful July of 1742 that saw a Spanish attack, British victory and celebration.

On Tuesday July 7, a Fort Frederica National Monument ranger will share a soldier's story of the Battle of Bloody Marsh that took place between the British and the Spanish on St. Simons Island. This special living history program will occur at 2 pm at the Battle of Bloody Marsh unit.

Then, on Saturday, July 11, the story will proceed to Jekyll Island, where volunteers and staff will help present the tale of the Spanish raid on Jekyll Island that followed in Bloody Marsh's aftermath, 267 years ago.

Horton House is one of the oldest standing tabby structures still in existence in Georgia. It was the home of Major William Horton. His original house, built in 1736, was destroyed by fire in July of 1742, when the Spanish troops retreated across Jekyll Island. The house that still stands today was



The Horton House ruins will host a living history event on July 11th. This picture is from a 1958 Historic American Buildings Survey. Photo by Jack E. Boucher, HABS

rebuilt the following year on the foundations of the burnt building.

The pointed Spanish attack on the property indicated a recognition of Horton's military standing and the strategic significance that Jekyll Island played in the defense and maintenance of the military fortifications at Fort Frederica.

The anniversary of that occasion will be marked at the site with interpreters dressed as British soldiers and indentured servants from the mid-1700s. Through activities and demonstrations, they

will present what life was like during Horton's occupation of the island.

Interpreters dressed as Horton's indentured servants will invite guests to participate in the colonial life of the island through activities that will share information about William Horton, his family, his servants, and his property on Jekyll Island, as well as their significant role in producing goods to supply the needs of the fledgling British colony. Re-enactors dressed as British soldiers will describe military life, tell the events of the Battle of Bloody Marsh and the raid on Jekyll

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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 Horton House event on July 11th.
- ❖ 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**

Expanded Hours and Evening Programs!

The National Park Service is pleased to announce new expanded hours at Fort Frederica National Monument during the summer of 2009 until Labor Day. The extended hours allow visitors to spend more time exploring their colonial past and also experience a unique time of day at this historic site.

Starting Sunday, July 5th, the new hours of operation will extend an extra hour from 9 am until 6 pm from Sunday through Friday. On Saturdays the hours of operation will be from 9 am until 9 pm. Saturday evenings at 8:15, the ranger staff will present programs entitled "Sunset on the Fort" that will focus on the period of Frederica's 'sunset' years. These years from 1742-1758 saw Frederica slide from active, hopeful settlement to an almost abandoned town. The program will take place at the fort and allow visitors to witness a sunset over those famous Marshes of Glynn while they learn about a lesser-known period of Frederica's history.

According to Fort Frederica Superintendent Mary Beth Wester, "It is our goal to provide visitors with as much access to Frederica and its place in history. We are thrilled to offer these opportunities to connect with Georgia's colonial past."

Visitors interested in attending the Sunsets on the Fort programs are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs on which to sit.

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!

Recent Monster Sighting at Fort Frederica or, What's That Critter?

This June, maintenance worker JD Dornbusch — our resident “Critter Wrangler” — captured a weird and scary looking thing. It was bright green with armored segments with multiple legs, big black eyes, and huge spiky horns. Was it dinosaur, a dragon, something from a B movie? No it was a Hickory Horned Devil!



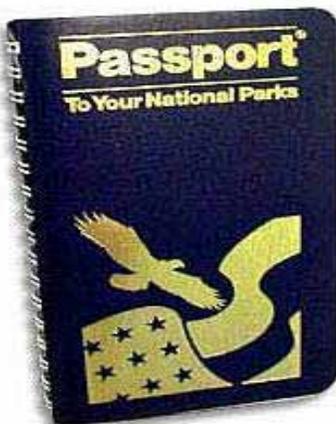
Summary: *The hickory horned devil is an unusual-looking caterpillar with green coloration and spikes that resemble horns all over its body. No need to worry, though. This caterpillar is relatively harmless to humans.*

The Hickory Horned Devil is the caterpillar of the Regal moth. It derives its name from the two pairs of horn-like appendages on

its body called scoli. It also has several smaller spikes covering the rest of its body. The Hickory Horned Devil can grow up to six inches in length and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter, making it the biggest of the silk horn caterpillars. Intimidating as it is, there is no need to be alarmed. It is nearly harmless to humans and only looks scary in order to ward off potential predators.

The Hickory Horned Devil can be found in hickory (another reason for the insect's name), sweetgum, lilac, ash, butternut, beech, persimmon, and walnut trees. This caterpillar grows throughout the 35 days it spends in its larval stage and as it grows, it molts. The molting process also changes its coloration from black to brown, then to tan, and lastly, to green. When it has eaten enough leaves and is ready to pupate, it crawls down from its tree habitat and burrows into the soil. This makes it different from most caterpillars that form a cocoon to pupate.

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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| JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p>7 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p> <p>7 Raid on Horton House (Jekyll Island) 2 pm</p> <p>25 "A Thanksgiving for Victory" 2 pm</p> <p>Daily Ranger Programs 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 & 3</p> | <p>22 Colonial Games: Farkle, a dice game 2 pm</p>  <p>Daily Ranger Programs 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 & 3</p> | <p>26 Frederica Folkways: 18th Century Cooking, all day.</p>  <p>Daily Ranger Programs 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 & 3</p> | <p>24 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2 pm</p>  | <p>7 Storytime at the Fort 10 am</p> <p>21 Frederica Folkways: Making Tabby 2 pm</p> | <p>12 James Oglethorpe's Birthday Celebration</p> <p>25 Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p>  |
| JANUARY 2010 | FEBRUARY 2010 | MARCH 2010 | <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Fort Frederica Needs You!</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 Jon_Burpee@nps.gov.</p> </div> | | |
| <p>To Be Announced</p> | <p>20 Fort Frederica Living History Festival All day</p>  | <p>To Be Announced</p> | | | |

EXTREME FIRE DANGER.
Please be careful with cigarettes.

A First Timer's Guide to Visiting Fort Frederica

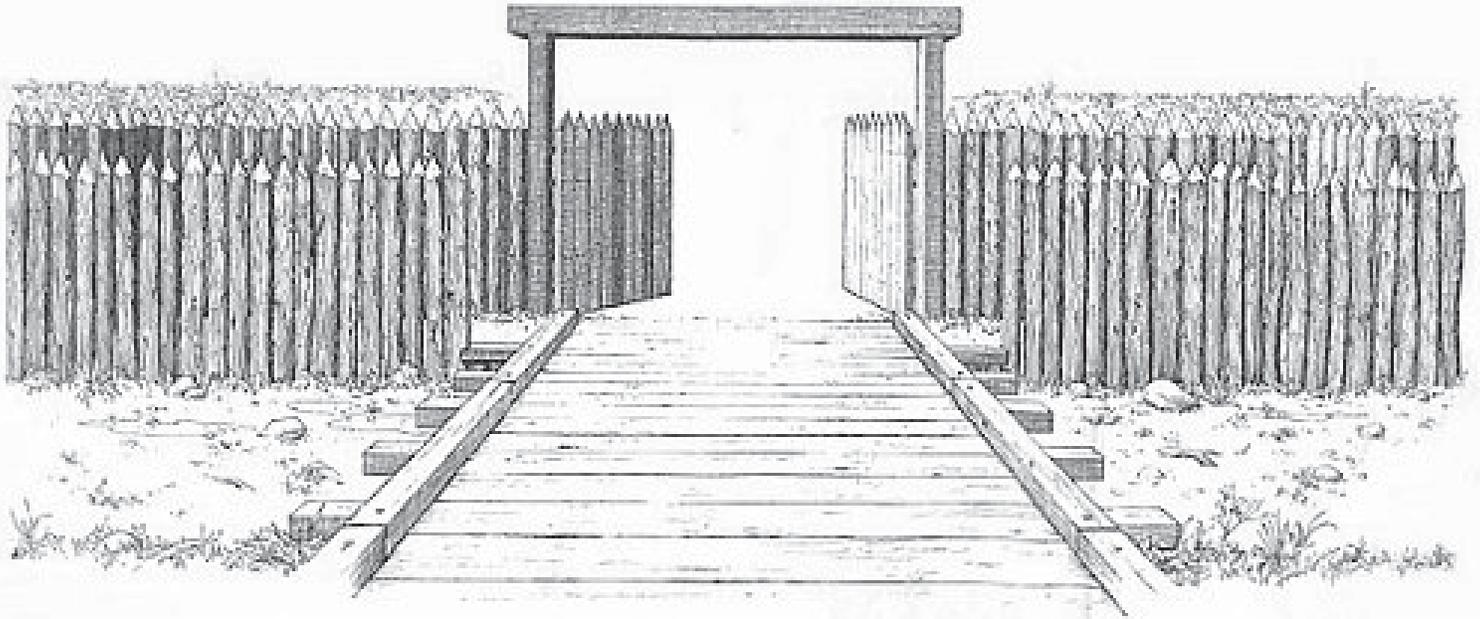


Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument.

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 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

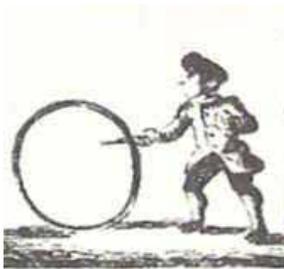
History Uncovered is a good place to start your discovery of Fort Frederica. It provides an introduction to the history of Fort Frederica and its archaeological resources. The British-Spanish struggle for control of the region is brought to life utilizing living history interpreters and subject experts.



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:

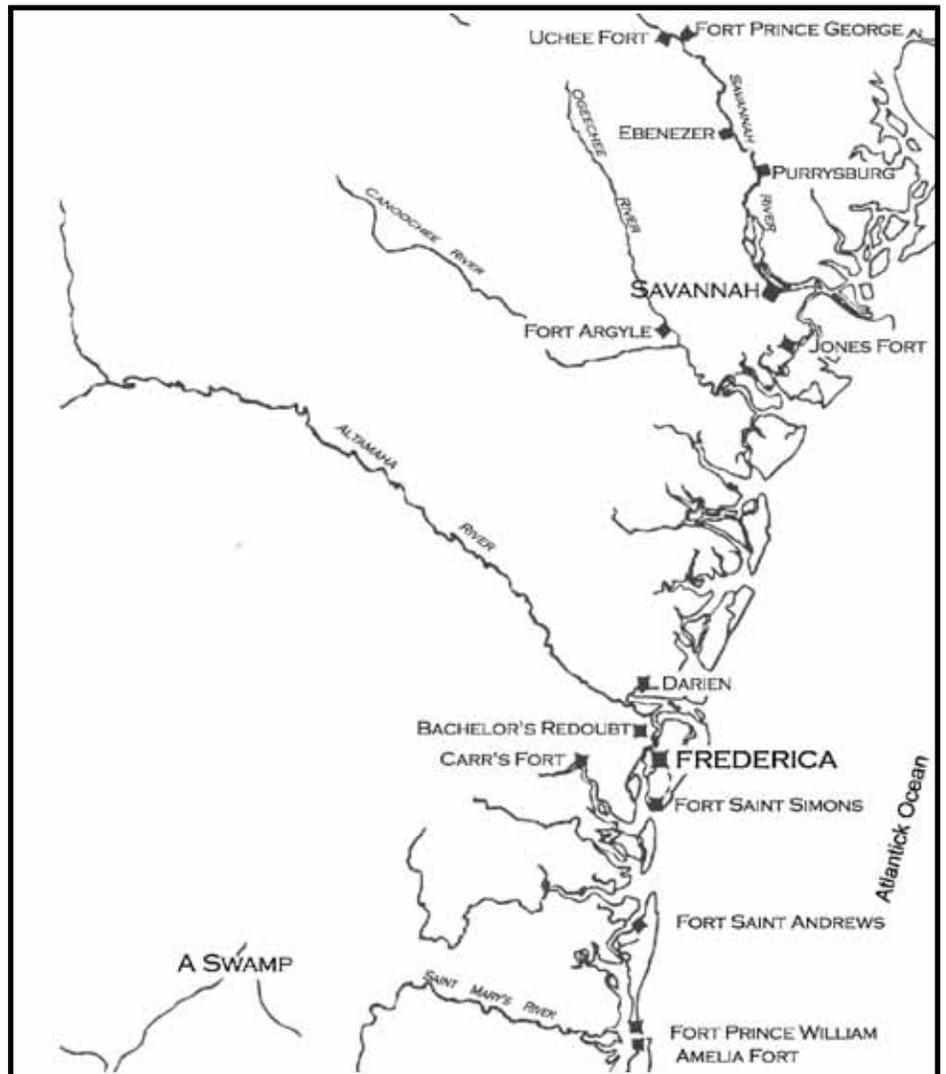
An Account of the Mutiny at Saint Andrew's

Editor's Note: *Perhaps the least understood aspect of Frederica's history is the role of the soldiers stationed at Fort Frederica and the other fort's scattered along the coast. This is the fourth article in a series about the 42nd Regiment. Last edition's article explored the tragic story of Lieutenant George Sterling. This issue looks at Oglethorpe's perspective of a mutiny of the soldiers that could have changed the history of colonial Georgia.*

Fort Frederica served a pivotal role as the headquarters of the 42nd Regiment of Foot. The majority of the regiment's soldiers, however, were not actually stationed at Frederica. In addition to Frederica's company, two companies were stationed at Ft. St. Simons on the south end of the island. There were also a series of forts that were occupied up and down the coast. Cumberland Island included two forts - Forts Prince William and Saint Andrews. It was at Fort St. Andrews that an attempted mutiny occurred that nearly took the life of Colonel James Edward Oglethorpe.

Fort Saint Andrew was the home to two companies of soldiers. Oglethorpe's company was under the field command of Captain-Lieutenant Albert Desbrisay. Captain James Mackay's company was also stationed at the fort.

While dining at the commander's quarters, Oglethorpe's breakfast was interrupted by "a great number" of soldiers who demanded to speak to him. Fearing that the angry mob might have ill intentions on their mind,



Frederica was the headquarters for the 42nd Regiment of Foot. Other forts, including mutinous Fort Saint Andrews, ranged up and down the coast.

Oglethorpe led them out of the fort and away from the store of gunpowder. Once he was outside the gate, he gave a quiet order to an officer to secure the fort.

The soldiers were upset about not being provided with beds and provisions as they had while stationed at Gibraltar. Oglethorpe refused to give into their demands and ordered the men to return to their quarters. When they refused Oglethorpe seized the ringleader and pulled him within the fort.

Another soldier said "You shall then take us all," and Oglethorpe ordered Desbrisay to take him as a prisoner.

As Oglethorpe ordered the gates closed, mutineers pushed through and Private Donald Ross grabbed Captain Mackay's sword breaking it in the process. The men ran to camp to take up arms when they realized they could not force their way into the fort.

Oglethorpe

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Mutiny at Saint Andrew's, continued

rushed with a guard of Highlanders and boat men into the camp and turned the corner as one of the soldiers lowered a loaded musket at him. He shouted the order "Down with your arms." The response he received was "No, by God, I'll down with you!" As the colonel rushed forward, the soldier shot a ball close enough to singe his uniform. A second shot was fired from another musket, missing Oglethorpe but hitting the mutineer. Oglethorpe grabbed the firelock and said, "Wretch, let go your arms, I will not kill you, I'll leave you to the hangman." While he

refrained from using his sword on the soldier, another stepped forward and lowered his musket but had a misfire. Oglethorpe seized the man's musket and he fled towards the soldier's huts.

Showing calmness, Oglethorpe told all the mutineers that if they would return to their huts he would pardon them, but any who refused to go would be shot. This ended the mutiny. The officers went from hut to hut searching for loaded weapons and found that there were 25 ready muskets. He assembled the men and asked them of their

grievances. In addition to the hardship of providing their own food on their regular pay, they said that Lieutenant Colonel Cochran had refused to pay them their sea pay for their transport from Gibraltar.

After listening to the men's complaints, Oglethorpe pardoned all the men involved except the ringleader and those who attempted to shoot officers. He also ordered Lieutenant Colonel Cochran to pay the men their back pay.

Horton House Event, continued

Island, and discuss why Horton was a target for the Spanish.

Musket demonstrations, children's games, food and drink, and interactions with the interpreters will provide a fun and memorable way to learn about the early

colonial life of the island.

On Saturday, July 25, a special commemoration of the end of the Spanish threat will occur at 2:00

pm. In 1742, General Oglethorpe proclaimed a "Thanksgiving for Victory." Join park staff in a reading of Oglethorpe's proclamation and a musket firing.



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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 42nd Regiment of Foot.*

**Saturday, October 24, 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.

Fort Frederica National Monument is recruiting a few interested volunteers to portray the soldiers of Heron's Company of the 42nd 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



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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:

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- ★Lyolia Tung, age 11, Chatham, VA
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- ★William Prince, age 14, Lexington, KY
- ★Michaela Tucker, age 13, Edina, MN
- ★Marion Tucker, age 15, Edina, MN
- ★Emily Myers, age 9, Indianapolis, IN
- ★Genevieve Myers, age 6, Indianapolis, IN
- ★Adam Bosman, age 8, Cadillac, MI
- ★Erin Bosman, age 9, Cadillac, MI
- ★Noah Ledbetter, age 8, Centre, AL
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