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The British (and Americans!) are Coming to Washington's Birthplace

Saturday, June 14 marks the return of military re-enactors (and an English influence) to George Washington Birthplace National Monument. The site will be hosting an encampment and firing demonstration by His Majesty's Marines and 5th Battalion, Cumberland County Militia. The encampment will take place from 10-4 and musket firing demonstrations will be conducted at 11:30 and 2.

During the encampment visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of displays and activities common to 18th century camp life. Younger visitors will be able to participate in a variety of hands on activities like cartridge rolling.

Although Redcoats never occupied Popes Creek Plantation, British military life played an essential part of the makeup of the Washington family. George Washington's service to the British and Continental Armies was the culmination of militia and regular military service by almost every Washington male since the family immigrated to America in 1656.

His Majesty's Marines and the 5th



His Majesty's Marines take to the field

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Battalion, Cumberland County Militia are elite re-enacting groups that emphasize authenticity in uniform and activities. Their appearance at George Washington Birthplace National Monument is guaranteed to fascinate and educate all who visit.

The historic area will be open from 9-10 on July 14, but tours will be suspended that day so that visitors can participate in this very special event.

Admission to George Washington Birthplace National Monument is free, and there is no charge for all activities on July 14.

The event is part of a variety of activities held throughout 2012 celebrating the 280th birthday of George Washington and the 80th anniversary of George Washington National Monument. More information is available through Facebook, twitter, www.nps.gov/gewa or (804) 224-1732.



His Majesty's Marines

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is located on Route 204, 2 miles off of Route 3, 38 miles east of Fredericksburg, VA and 11 miles west of Montross, VA.