

14TH ANNUAL FREDERICA PATRIOTS DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 14 & 15, 2018 – ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA

April 19th marks an important date in the founding of our nation. The Revolutionary War began on April 19, 1775, when British soldiers fired on American Patriots at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. Three years after the “shot heard ‘round the world,” the Georgia Continental Navy captured three British ships in the Frederica River near St. Simons Island on April 19, 1778. The Frederica Patriots Day Celebration which will be held on St. Simons Island on

Saturday, April 14, 2018, commemorates these two events of the American Revolution.



PATRIOTIC MEMORIAL CEREMONY - Beginning at 10:00am in the St. Simons Casino, the Memorial Ceremony will provide a unique opportunity to honor our Founding Patriots--men, women and children – who participated in the American Revolution. Special attention will be focused on the Minutemen at Lexington and Concord, and Soldiers and Sailors in the

Frederica Naval Action. We expect all participants to obtain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Patriots who fought for Independence and created a new nation.



The Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will carry replicas of many flags used during the Revolutionary War. Two flags will be recognized for their unique relevance with Patriots Day -- the Bedford Minutemen flag which was carried at Concord,

and the American Liberty flag which was flown on the Georgia Galleys.

While the patriotic spirit of celebration will be especially felt during the Presentation of Colors, we will acknowledge the sacrifices made by



men, women and children -- for the good examples that they made of their lives and for their faith in God and their service to country. Wreaths, presented by at least forty-five heritage and historical organizations under a Saber Arch formed by the Brunswick High School Navy JROTC Cadets, will honor the Patriots who participated in the fighting at Lexington and Concord, the Frederica Naval Action and the many other battles during the American Revolution.



The Memorial Ceremony will feature Glynn County students with musical and historical performances. Patriotic musical selections will be performed by the Risley Middle School Chorus, and Elementary School students dressed in colonial attire will portray several Revolutionary Heroes and Heroines. Colonel Samuel Elbert's letter will describe the heroic actions of the Georgia Continentals in three galleys during the battle on the Frederica River.

Members from several DAR and SAR Chapters will participate in the Ceremony, along with representatives



from the Glynn County Commission, Fort Frederica National Monument and Veterans Council of Golden Isles.

In honor of the Patriots of the American Revolution, the Colonel Elijah Clarke Militia will fire a three volley Musket and Cannon Salute followed by Taps. The loud booms of the cannon will remind the audience of the cannons firing from the Georgia Galleys the during the four-hour Frederica Naval battle.





PARADE OF PATRIOTS will begin at 11:45am in front of St. Simons Lighthouse, proceed through the St. Simons Village on Ocean Blvd & Mallery Streets to the Pier, and return to the Lighthouse. Leading the parade will be the Georgia and Florida Sons of American Revolution Color Guard carrying Revolutionary War Battle flags, and the Colonel Elijah Clarke Georgia Militia with Muskets and Rifles. They

will be followed by the antique Fire Engine driven by St. Simons Island Volunteer Fire Department personnel.

Featured groups will be many Boy and Girl Scouts who will carry Revolutionary War flags and wooden muskets. Another group will include Glynn County students from Oglethorpe Point Elementary School, St. Simons Christian School, and St. Simons Elementary School, who have recently studied the American Revolution.





JROTC units from Brunswick High School, Glynn Academy, Brantley County High School and Ware County High School will march in the parade and represent the citizen-soldier Minutemen who fought the British at the Old North Bridge at Concord, Massachusetts.

Re-enactors will represent Paul Revere and Sybil Ludington, a teenage girl, who rode twice as far as Revere to alert Patriots in the hamlets of New York of the approach of the British. They will be joined by other Revolutionary heroes and heroines including “Swamp Fox” Francis Marion, Elijah Clarke, and Nancy Hart.



COLONIAL WORSHIP SERVICE-

The Worship Service will be conducted on Sunday, April 15, starting at 9:00am in the historic St. Ignatius Chapel of Christ Church, Frederica, located at 2906 Demere Road.

Many worshippers will be dressed in Colonial attire, and the hymns and sermon will reflect the culture of America in the 18th century. The Worship Service should be a meaningful experience to those in attendance.

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