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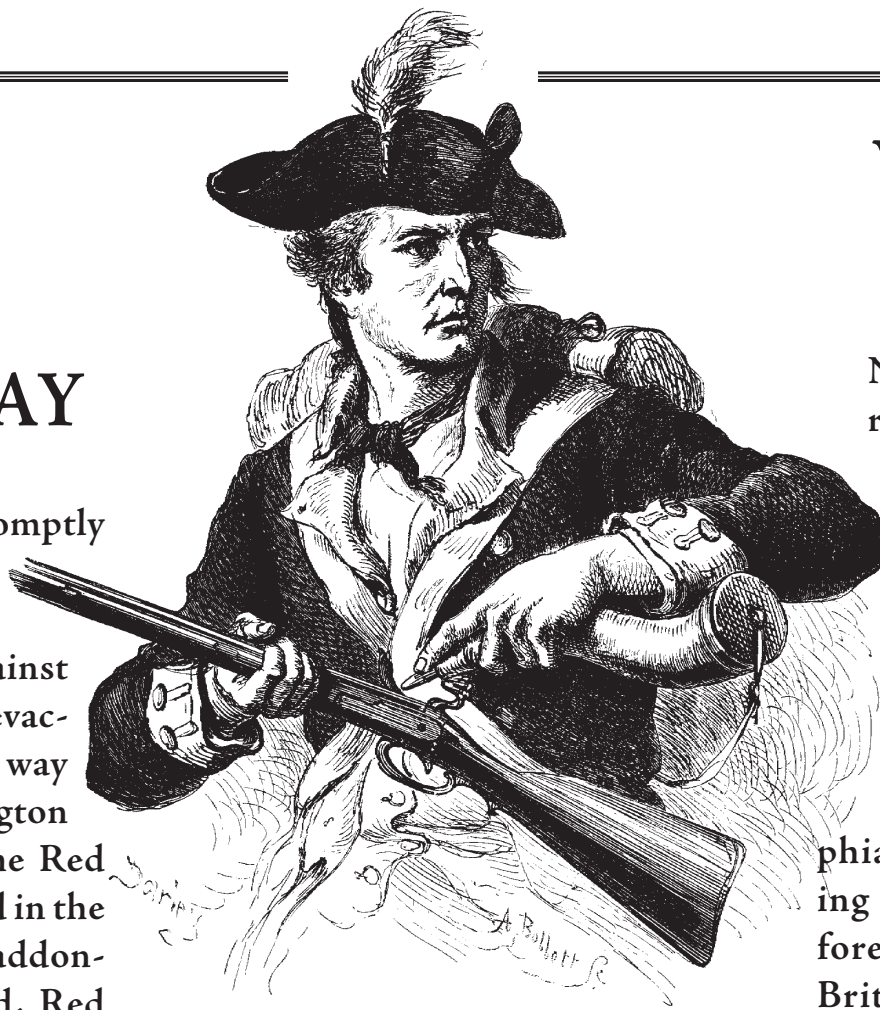


# INDIAN KING GAZETTE

## The British are Coming!

### Many Events thru'out the Town on **SKIRMISH DAY**

The Skirmish will happen promptly at 2pm. It is an annual reenactment of actual ambushes by the Continental militias against the British Red Coats as they evacuated Philadelphia on their way to New York. George Washington had given orders to "annoy" the Red Coats and skirmishes happened in the peaceful Quaker village of Haddonfield. Today, muskets are fired, Red Coats on horseback charge the Continentals' cannon, and an entire town participates in a daylong reenactment of Revolutionary War history. There are lots of activities before and after. One can enjoy breakfast with the troops, learn how to sword fight, ride ponies, participate in patchwork quilting with Betsy Ross, observe colonial artisans in action, or learn colonial dancing, George Washington's favorite pastime. 38 organizations are involved in making this a jam-packed day of colonial activities.



### Why is there a **Skirmish?**

New Jersey, known as the Crossroads of the American Revolution, was the ground upon which many Revolutionary War battles and skirmishes occurred. Five Skirmishes happened in the vicinity of Haddonfield. The most significant was June 18-20, 1778. The British had occupied Philadelphia for six long months (depending on whose side you were on) before the Rebels retook the city. The British marched through much of South Jersey trying to return to their stronghold of New York City. The main Continental Army was in Valley Forge and not available to battle the British. Therefore, the Continental forces could only harass or skirmish with the British as they attempted to march northward. The British would eventually be battled in Monmouth.

### Visit the **INDIAN KING Tavern Museum**



The museum is open for free tours Wednesday through Saturday 10am-noon and 1-4pm and Sunday between 1-4pm. Calling first is encouraged.

### The SKIRMISH Mission Statement

"To educate the public about the Revolutionary War and our community's role, to support the historical treasure that is the Indian King Tavern Museum, and to sustain our community through heritage tourism."

## The Friends of Washington Crossing Park

The Washington Crossing Fifes and Drums play the tunes, signals, and duties of the Continental Army. It was formed in 2019 at Washington Crossing Historic Park (PA) under the auspices of the Friends of Washington Crossing, supports Park and community events throughout the year. Our musicians range in age from pre-teen through adult. For further information, contact [info@washingtoncrossingpark.org](mailto:info@washingtoncrossingpark.org) or visit [www.washingtoncrossingpark.org](http://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org)

## Become a Friend of the INDIAN KING TAVERN MUSEUM

Owned and operated by the State, the Indian King Tavern would be a pale shadow of itself without the dedication and financial assistance of the Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum. Some of the Friends dress in period attire to add atmosphere while giving tours of the museum and at events. Others fundraise to provide free educational programs and apply for grant money to preserve and grow this treasure. Become a Friend today at [indiankingfriends.org](http://indiankingfriends.org), and be a part of living history. No colonial attire required!

## THE LIBERTY POLE. Mere Myth?

Although Liberty Poles were a real thing, it is unlikely that one would have been found in the Quaker community of Haddonfield. However, throughout the thirteen colonies, poles were raised in towns and villages as a sign of protest and a rallying place for local citizens who sought liberty from the British King and Parliament. Made of a long wooden pole set into the ground, a red Phrygian cap or standard would have been placed over the top of the pole. (A Phrygian cap was an ancient Greek symbol given to an enslaved person when receiving his freedom.) The Liberty Pole remained an inspiration for the town's people-that is until the British cut it down. Visit the Liberty Pole at the Indian King Tavern.



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## The Second Pennsylvania Regiment

Portraying the local militia today is the Second Pennsylvania Regiment, the country's oldest Revolutionary War living history organization. Founded in 1966, the unit is centered in the Delaware Valley and has appeared in major reenactments, television and motion picture presentations seen throughout the country, and, most recently, the new visitors center film at Valley Forge National Park. It also has created or hosted many of the region's major reenactments, including the annual programs at Germantown, Hope Lodge, Monmouth and Fort Mercer in nearby National Park.

Officially recognized as a nonprofit educational organization, the unit also portrays the British Army's

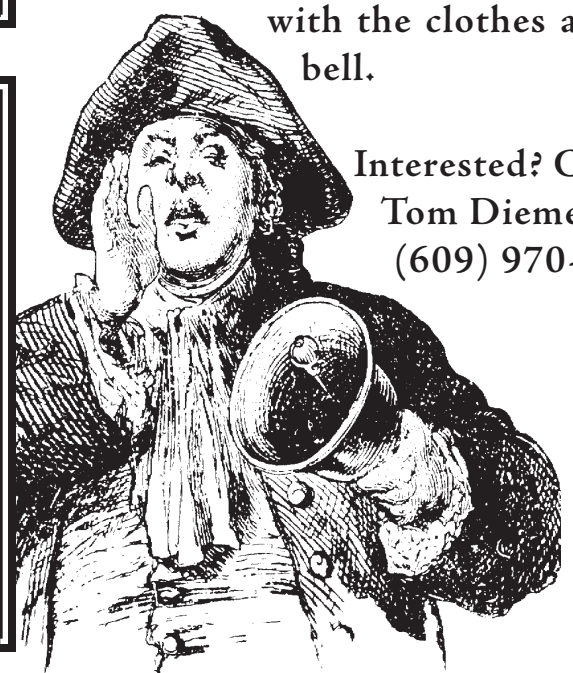
43rd Regiment of Foot, giving its members the ability to enjoy "the best of both worlds" in reenacting. This vibrant and growing organization welcomes the participation of anyone wishing to bring the past to life, enjoy history in a unique way and support historical sites in the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. More information can be found at [www.243regiment.com](http://www.243regiment.com) or by speaking with one of the members at The Skirmish.



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# THE RED COATS

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# THE SEA DOGS

The Sea Dogs are a band and living history group that performs traditional sea shanties and songs of the sea, giving a glimpse into the world of pirates and privateers from the 17th and 18th centuries. For decades the founders have been using the knowledge and experience of nearly 30 years of reenacting, and over 35 years of performing traditional music from the British Isles and colonial America to bring audiences a fun and educational experience.



# “Push on your bayonets and get your Ample Vengeance.” KING’S ROAD BREWING COMPANY

Ample Vengeance is a hazy, New England-style IPA available at King’s Road Brewing Company. The beer’s name however has connections to General “Mad Anthony” Wayne and the American Revolutionary War.

During the war, Anthony Wayne served at the Invasion of Quebec, the Philadelphia campaign, and the Yorktown campaign. His military exploits and fiery personality quickly earned him promotion to brigadier general and the nickname “Mad Anthony.” However, on the night of September 20, 1777, Wayne’s camp was attacked during the Battle of Paoli. British General Charles Grey ordered his men to

remove their flints and attack with bayonets in order to keep their assault secret. The battle earned Grey the nickname “General Flint,” while Wayne’s own reputation was tarnished.

Wayne never forgot the loss he suffered at the Battle of Paoli. On July 16, 1779, he replicated the bold attack used against him at Paoli and personally led a nighttime bayonet attack in the Battle of Stony Point. Wayne reportedly told his men, “Push on your bayonets and get your Ample Vengeance.” Wayne won wide praise for his leadership in this 1779 battle.



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More information can be found at [www.markeimartscenter.org](http://www.markeimartscenter.org).

## Native Americans' WARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Written by Lindsey Neabore

What role did Native people play in the American Revolution? Indigenous groups allied themselves with both colonists and British, though most sided with the British. It's important to understand that "Native Americans were fighting their own war for independence," says historian Daniel K. Richter, a professor of early American history at University of Pennsylvania.

While Revolutionary leaders struggled to unite distinct colonies behind a common goal, so too were Native leaders grappling with the idea of a national "Indian" identi-

ty. Before the arrival of Europeans, each tribe essentially operated and governed as a separate nation with different interests, laws, language. "North America was a native space first, with its own people, cultures, and ongoing history," explains Richter. It's in this context that Richter placed the American Revolution in his May 4th presentation at Haddonfield Borough Hall: "Native Americans' Wars of Independence." The lecture was part of a speaker series in conjunction with Camden County College's Center for Cultural Engagement.


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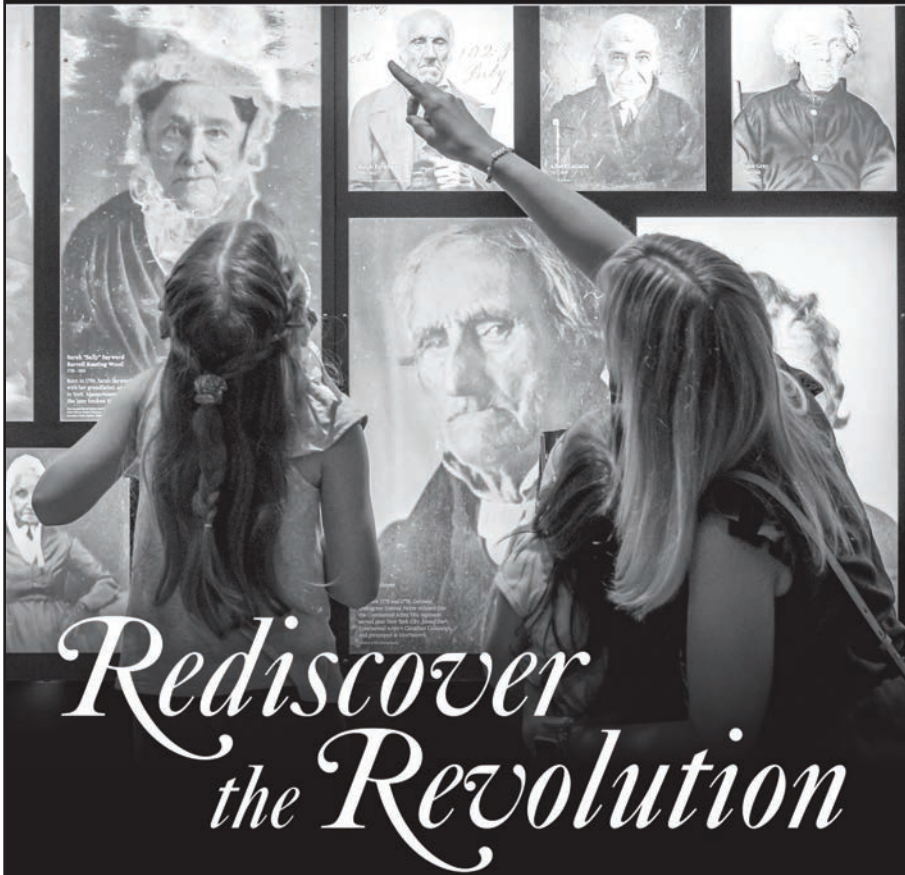


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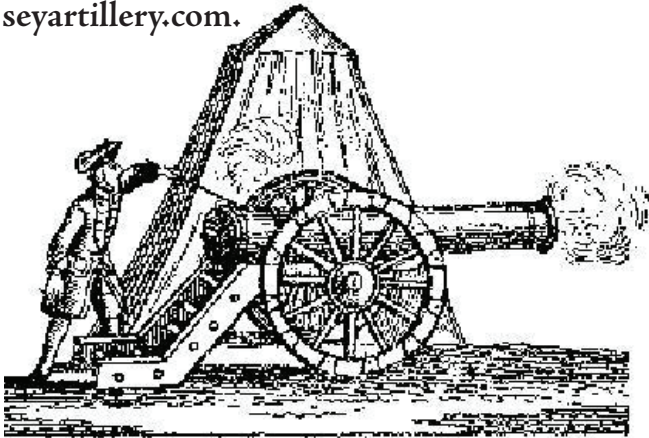


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# Friends of the INDIAN KING TAVERN MUSEUM

Through the generosity and dedication of volunteers and financial support from the public, the Indian King Tavern Museum is an exciting place to visit. The Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum, a nonprofit, has secured grants to as-

sist the owner, the New Jersey State Park Service, with the preservation of the property. Volunteers dressed in period attire set the stage and assist in guiding visitors through the museum. The Friends group financially supports all of the muse-

um's public programming, including historical reenactors and lectures. Through the Skirmish and other fundraising activities, the Friends group is there to help make a visit to the Indian King Tavern Museum like stepping back in time.

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The Indian King Tavern Museum is significant as the site where New Jersey's first elected Patriot Legislature met during the turbulent first nine months of 1777. This was just four months after the adoption of its first constitution. The freshmen legislature voted on the adoption of the state seal and the reformation of the Committee

of Safety, and New Jersey's official designation was changed from a colony to a state. Previously, the legislators met at the College Library of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) and the "Old Meeting House" in Burlington, New Jersey. However, British troop activity in both Princeton and Burlington forced the legislators to

move further south to safety. The Joint Sessions of the General Assembly and Legislative Council met at the building now known as the Indian King Tavern Museum for more than fifty percent of the tenure of their first session. Come be in the space where those 53 amazing forefathers risked their lives to forge our way toward liberty.



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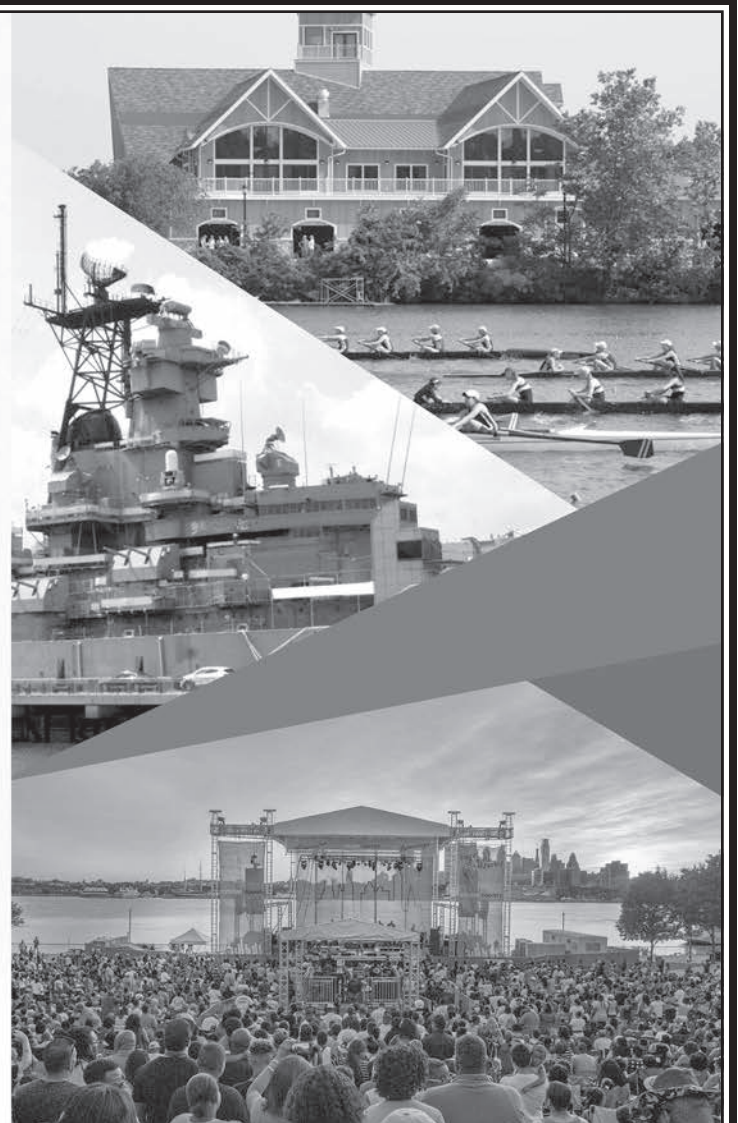
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conflicts between sailors and pirates plagued the high seas. A focal point of the exhibit is the replica model of the schooner *Diligence*. Crafted by the staff and volunteers in The Seaport Boat Shop, it replicates the vessel built in 1797 by Joshua and Samuel Humphreys in Philadelphia. Ships, like *Diligence*, played a vital role in developing the early Navy's defense of American merchant ships from Britain, France, and Barbary pirates. *Diligence* was commissioned for the Revenue-Marines and immediately transferred to Captain John Barry's squadron stationed in the West Indies to protect commerce in the Caribbean. In addition to the replica Schooner, which visitors can board, the exhibit showcases rarely seen pieces of the Museum's collection (one of the largest maritime art and artifact collections in North America), such as an octant used by Captain John Barry throughout his career and uniform buttons and hat that once belonged to Stephen Decatur. To start planning your trip, visit [www.phillyseaport.org/](http://www.phillyseaport.org/).



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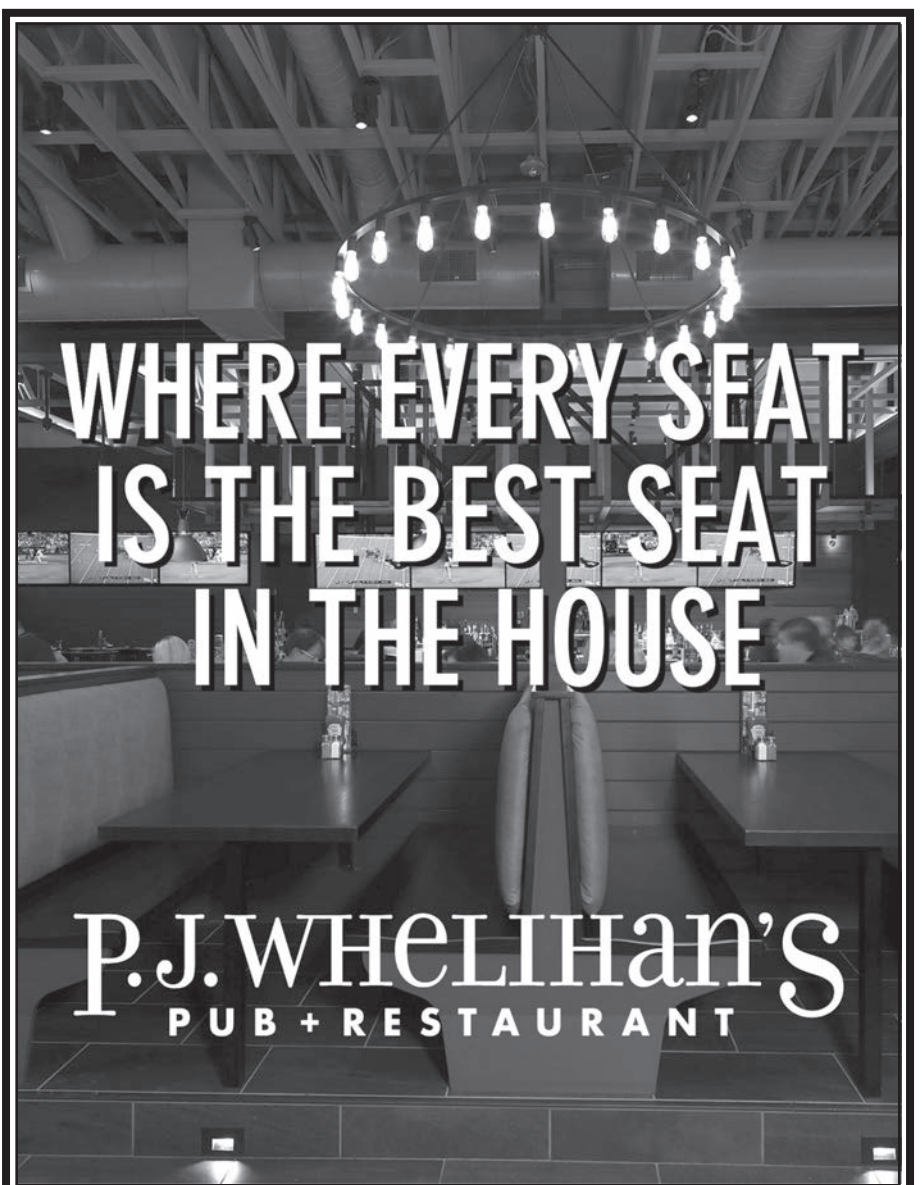


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# The SKIRMISH



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## The British are Coming! A Full Day of Revolutionary Events for All Ages



On Saturday, June 4, 2022, the British will invade Haddonfield and Continental troops will challenge them, just as they did 244 years ago – in June 1778. Red Coats on horseback will charge, muskets will be fired, and the Continentals will try to stop the Red Coats before they head off to the Battle at Monmouth. General Washington had ordered the militia to “annoy” the Red Coats, and so they will again. The Skirmish and events surrounding it take place on and around Kings Highway.

This exciting reenactment event is free and open to the public. A day filled with activities begins at 9am; the Skirmish is at 2pm. Events include a Yelling Contest, Colonial Dancing, Pillory prisoners, and Character reen-

actors. Plus, Soldier reenactors will be available to meet visitors before and after the Skirmish. There will be plenty of sidewalk space for viewing and cheering along Kings Highway. The conflict should last for about 20 minutes. Tours of the historic Indian King Tavern will be offered all day.

The Skirmish is hosted by the Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to preserve and advance the Museum (the first NJ State historic site), and raise public awareness of the Museum and its educational programs. There will also be interesting events leading up to the Skirmish, including a debate between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

## Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum

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- Colonial Displays in store windows. Downtown
- Town Criers & Haddonfield 65 Club Constables strolling the town
- BYO Picnic or Takeout. Friends Burial Ground, Friends School, Meetinghouse grounds

## 9AM

- Pony Rides. 205 N. Haddon (to 11am) (Also 12pm to 3pm)
- Breakfast with the Troops. Adults \$15, Children \$8.50. First Presbyterian Church (to 11:30am)

**9:45AM** – Flag-raising. Indian King Tavern Museum

## 10AM

- Liberty Pole capping. Indian King Tavern Museum
- Historic Buildings Walking Tour. Starting at Historical Society. Fee applies. (Also at 12pm)
- Sword & Swagger Colonial-era Sword-fighting. In front of Masonic Temple (to 10:45am) (Also 12pm to 12:45pm)
- Betsy Ross Quilting Workshop/Revolutionary Era-themed Clay Workshop. Markeim Arts Center (to 11:30am) (Also 12pm to 1:30pm)

## 10AM TO 1PM

- Information Table in front of Masonic Temple (to 1pm)
- History Faire at Masonic Temple. Many historical exhibits (to 1pm). Free Skirmish Bags for first visitors (while supplies last)
- Colonial-era Fire-fighting Apparatus and Equipment. Haddon Fire Co. No. 1 (to 1pm)
- Raccoon Creek Vineyard Colonial-era Shrub Drink. Daughters of the American Revolution. The Haddon Fortnightly (to 1pm)
- Free Caricatures. Farmers Market in Kings Court (to 1pm)
- Meet the Queen's Rangers and their Horses. Behind Borough Hall (to 1pm)
- Sea Dogs (pirates) singing shanties and strolling Kings Highway (to 1pm)
- Revolutionary War surgeon explains treatment for troops. Masonic Temple (to 1pm)
- Chat with Ben Franklin. Strolling around downtown (to 1pm)
- Michael Dooling, author of Colonial book, *Elijah and George*. Masonic Temple (to 1pm)
- Pillory for miscreants. Take photos! In front of Guard House (to 1pm)
- Free Silhouettes ("penny portraits"). Masonic Temple (to 1pm)
- Silversmith and Colonial Jewelry-making at 55 Kings Hwy East (to 1pm)

**10AM to 2PM** – Colonial Medicine. Friends Meetinghouse (to 2pm).

## 10AM to 3PM

- Tours of Greenfield Hall, home of the Historical Society. Special exhibits (to 3pm) (Fee applies)
- Tours of Indian King Tavern Museum. Blacksmith, Tinsmith, Quilling Artist, Rancocas Sutlery (to 3pm)
- Safe space for children, sensory bottles craft, Colonial Story Walk. Friends of the Library Pop-up Book Sale. Haddonfield Library (to 3 pm)

**10:15AM** – Colonial Music by Haddonfield Plays & Players. Farmers Market (to 12:15pm)

## 10:30AM

- Talk by Ben Franklin. Masonic Temple
- Colonial Auction. Indian King Tavern Museum (to 11am)
- Colonial-era Toys and Games. Behind Friends School (to 12pm)

## 11AM

- The Clash on Kings Highway. In front of Masonic Temple
- Colonial Dance Lessons. The Haddon Fortnightly (to 12pm)
- Refill water bottles, grab a cookie. Friends Meetinghouse (to 1pm)

**11:15AM** – Mustering of the kids by Bill McIlhenny & sale of wooden muskets. In front of Indian King Tavern Museum (to 12pm)

**11:30AM** – Noise Sanctuary. Friends Meetinghouse (to 2:30pm)

## 12PM

- Historic Buildings Walking Tour. Historical Society of Haddonfield (Fee applies)
- Sword & Swagger Colonial-era Sword-fighting. On the steps of Borough Hall (to 12:45pm)
- Graveyard Rubbings and Scavenger Hunt. Friends Meeting Burial Ground (to 1pm)
- Strolling troupe from Plays & Players performs songs from *The King's Road*. Along Kings Highway (to 1pm)
- Betsy Ross Quilting Workshop/Revolutionary era-themed Clay Workshop. Markeim Arts Center (to 1:30pm)
- Pony Rides. 205 N. Haddon (to 3pm)
- Battle of the Brews: Ample Vengeance IPA vs Revolutionary Red ale. Skirmish t-shirts for sale. King's Road Brewing Company (to evening)

**12:30PM** – Colonial Puppet Show. Indian King Tavern Museum (to 1pm)

**1PM** – Mustering of the Kids by Bill McIlhenny. Sale of wooden muskets. In front of Indian King Tavern Museum (to 1:45pm)

## 1:30PM

- Speeches by Dignitaries. Steps of Borough Hall (to 1:45pm)
- Escape the Skirmish noise and musket fire at the Friends Meetinghouse (to 2:30 pm).

**1:45PM** – Yelling Contest. Steps of Borough Hall

## 2PM

– Narrative about the Skirmish. Yelling Contest winner announces: "The British are Coming!" Steps of Borough Hall

★ **The Skirmish on Kings Highway.** In front of Borough Hall and Indian King Tavern Museum

**3PM** – Wreath-laying Ceremony at the Blue Star Memorial, in front of Borough Hall

