



# LEXINGTON GREEN 250

**What: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battles of Lexington Green & The Retreat from Concord**

**When: Saturday and Sunday, 26-27 April, 2025**

**Where: Century Village, Burton, Ohio**

The Brigade of the American Revolution's NorthWest Department is sponsoring an event to commemorate the actions that began the American Revolution. The site, Century Village, in Northeastern Ohio, is very conducive to portraying both Lexington Green and the British retreat from Concord. Both mornings of the event will concentrate on portraying the events of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. In the afternoon there will be programming on more general topics of the period of the Revolution.

## **Information for Reenactors Wishing to Attend**

-All members in good standing of the Brigade of the American Revolution may attend.

-Members of other organizations may also be invited with the following criteria;

-All B.A.R. and commonly accepted safety rules will be used

-non-B.A.R. units will provide verification of insurance

-All participants will, for the Lexington/Concord portion of the program, agree to dress as either British regulars in red regimentals, or New England militia

-All participants will pre-register: no walk-ons will be permitted

#### Dress for Militia

- Since we will be portraying New England militia, no fringed hunting shirts, no blanket “Indian” leggings, and no moccasins will be permitted for the morning scenarios. It is also encouraged to bring only smoothbore firelocks, as rifles were not common to the area.
- Common coats, jackets, sleeved waistcoats of wool or linen, as well as a pullover workman’s shirt/smock, are acceptable. Breeches are preferred, trousers are acceptable, and overalls (gaitered trousers) should NOT be worn for militia. Bi-corns, tricorns and round hats are all acceptable. Please, no deer tails, feathers or other adornment.

#### Dress for Crown Troops

- Use the Clothing Warrants of 1768 for center and grenadier companies, and the documentation particular to your unit for light infantry dress. Please use an early-war impression.

#### Amenities for Reenactors

- The site will provide breakfast and lunch each day. The breakfast will be a pancake breakfast, attended by the public, where they can “have breakfast with a militiaman/red coat”.
- Supper Saturday evening will be provided by the NW Dept., B.A.R. for ALL registered participants
- Straw for bedding and firewood will be provided for those participants camping, both 18<sup>th</sup> c. and modern
- Potable water, restrooms and port-a-johns will also be on site
- Areas for both 18<sup>th</sup> c. and modern camping will be available
- There will be space for indoor sleeping, (barrack-style). Gear/bedding may need to be moved (not removed) during the day to make use of the space for other purposes
- Burton is a small town, with limited lodging, but there are many hotels/motels within 15-20 miles. A list of those accommodations may be found at the end of this event notice

Schedule

A schedule with specific times will be posted at a later time, but here are points that will be included;

- Both Saturday and Sunday the morning activities will focus on the Lexington Green and Retreat from Concord scenarios. For those scenarios all participants will portray either Massachusetts militia or British regular infantry. There will also be an 18<sup>th</sup> c. church service in the church on the village green on Sunday morning. The Lexington Green scenario will begin approximately 9:30 AM each day, with breakfast and safety/officers call prior, starting approximately 7:15 AM. Activities after lunch will be more general, with lecture/demos on firelock operation, artillery, clothing, and many other topics. You will also be free and encouraged to display your own camp life scenarios. At least one tactical weapons demo will take place in the afternoon, and you can portray your own unit.

Registration

- Anyone wishing to participate **MUST REGISTER BEFORE THE EVENT**. No “walk-ons” will be permitted. To be sure you are included for meals and other amenities, you should register **no later than Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**. You can **register by telephone or email** with the following persons;

Crown Forces

Militia

Todd Harburn, 60<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Ft.

Bob Cairns, 8<sup>th</sup> Penna. Regt.

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-Information needed to register includes:

Your name, first and last                                 will you be camping?     Modern or 18<sup>th</sup> c.  
If 18<sup>th</sup> c. camping, will you need straw?

Your unit’s name   will you want meals?  
Will you want indoor sleeping accommodations?

Number in your party (unit)

Insurance verification, if not a B.A.R. member-unit      Any other special needs or requests.

The NorthWest Department of the Brigade of the American Revolution hopes you will decide to join us and participate in this event to honor the beginning of the American Revolution and the birth of our nation.

Sincerely,

Bob Cairns, Commander, NW Dept. B.A.R.