

# Old Fort Niagara Soldiers of the Revolution Schedule of Activities August 13 & 14, 2011

Liberty or Loyalty? That is the question each must answer during this interactive event that brings the American Revolution to life. Forces of Crown and Congress do battle at the Fort as we recreate the frontier war of the American Revolution. Living history programs, battle demonstrations, hands-on activities for the entire family, food.

10:00 am Morning Formation/Colors Ceremony

10:00 - 11:00 am British and American forces demonstrate the manual exercise (musket drill) used during the American Revolution.

11:00 am Rifle vs. Musket Demonstration. Learn about the small arms of the American Revolution through a dramatic demonstration of their capabilities.

Noon Artillery Demonstration. Enlist in an artillery crew and discover how 18th century cannon were loaded and fired.

1:00 pm Military Music and Recruiting Demonstration. Listen to 18th century martial music played by Old Fort Niagara's fifes and drums, then enlist in the Crown or Continental forces to do battle with the enemy.

1:30 pm Special Presentation (Saturday Only). Paul Lockhart, Ph.D., author of a new book *The Whites of Their Eyes* will present new insights into the Battle of Bunker Hill.

2:30 - 4:00 pm (Saturday Only) Dr. Lockhart will sign copies of his books in the Visitor Center. Copies of *The Whites of Their Eyes* and *Drillmaster of Valley Forge* will be available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

1:30 pm (Sunday Only) British Court Martial. Join a British court martial board as they try to get to the bottom of a soldier's offenses.

3:00 pm Battle Reenactment. Watch British and American troops demonstrate battle tactics used on the New York frontier during the American Revolution.

4:00 pm Reveille Race. Kids, are you a minuteman? Test your skill and speed as you fall out under arms. Prizes for the fastest recruits.

5:00 pm Musket Demonstration

6:00 pm Musket Demonstration

About our featured speaker: A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, Paul Lockhart is a professor of history at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He teaches courses in European and military history. It was his long-standing interest in the European military connection with American warfare that led him to write his first trade nonfiction book, *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: The Baron de Steuben and the Making of the American Army*. More recently, Lockhart has written a new account of the battle of Bunker Hill, *The Whites of Their Eyes: Bunker Hill, the First American Army, and the Emergence of George Washington*.