

***Ten Crucial Days Reenactments,***

***Lineage and Service Organization/Legacy Unit***

***Commemorative Wreath Laying Events***

***& Traversing the Ten Crucial Days* Tours**

**December 7/8, 2024**

**December 27/29, 2024**

**January 4/5, 2025**

The New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution, will host ceremonies at the four key sites of the events of the battles of Trenton and Princeton. In a show of unity and collaboration, multiple lineage societies and service organizations gathered to honor the sacrifice of patriots who sacrificed during the American War for Independence. Members of the Color Guard of the National Society, SAR and the General Society, Sons of the Revolution were joined by reenactors, officers, and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution from both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Societies, officers and members of the Society of the Cincinnati, local dignitaries, and officers of the legacy unit representatives from the original thirteen states and from the United Kingdom with lineage to the battles of Trenton and Princeton.

**Event Details below.**

If you would like to order a wreath for these ceremonies, we recommend Bountiful Acres with stores in New Jersey and Pennsylvania <https://bountifulacres.com/contact/>, or email Lisa@BountifulGardens.com. (609) 236-3486 (*NJSSAR will pick up your wreath – notify* *roger@princetonsar.org**, or text (609) 389-5657)*

***Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th, 2023***

**Saturday, December 7th** **from 9 am to 4 pm**

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**Sunday, December 8th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The annual reenactment of Washington’s Crossing of the Delaware, immortalized in the iconic Emanuel Leutze 1848 painting, is ***"The First Crossing,"*** a signature event for the Friends of Washington Crossing Historic Park, 1112 River Rd., Washington Crossing PA 18977. Over 500 reenactors and almost 5,000 spectators line the banks of the river at the exact location of the momentous event, December 25, 1776.  A moment-by-moment reenactment with George Washington and his staff prepare, embark and row across the Delaware.

* Directions to Washington Crossing Historic Park [1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA 18977](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Washington%2BCrossing%2BHistoric%2BPark/%4040.295627%2C-74.8718556%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x89c157aca3b0fc75%3A0xa52a0fb2d5752db9%218m2%213d40.295627%214d-74.8718556)
* **10:45 to 11:15 pm** ***Commemorative Wreath Laying Event*** at Washington Crossing Historic Park [Washington Crossing Historic Park, 1112 River Street Washington Crossing, PA 18977](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Washington%2BCrossing%2BHistoric%2BPark/%4040.2949314%2C-74.8743018%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x89c157aca3b0fc75%3A0xa52a0fb2d5752db9%218m2%213d40.2949314%214d-74.8721131)
* **Directions**, [click here](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Washington%2BCrossing%2BHistoric%2BPark/%4040.2949314%2C-74.8743018%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x89c157aca3b0fc75%3A0xa52a0fb2d5752db9%218m2%213d40.2949314%214d-74.8721131)
* **Color Guard Muste**r 10: am at the Washington Monument before the Visitors Center.
* **Parking** signs will direct you to just north of the Visitor Center at the "*Valley of Concentration*" parking Lot (Directions: [click here](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Valley%2Bof%2BConcentration%2Bparking%2Blot/%4040.2956543%2C-74.8740722%2C17z/data%3D%214m13%211m7%213m6%211s0x89c3fde225147847%3A0x60254def5caf4e85%212s1112%2BRiver%2BRd%2C%2BWashington%2BCrossing%2C%2BPA%2B18977%213b1%218m2%213d40.2956543%214d-74.8718835%213m4%211s0x89c3ff30ed8b44f9%3A0xd7bb050757bc1d3a%218m2%213d40.2968111%214d-74.8742614))

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***For information about Patriot's Week in Trenton,*** [***click here***](https://patriotsweek.com/)

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**Saturday, December 28th**

***The battles of Trenton and Assunpink Creek***

***The Battle of Trenton Reenactment***

**9:30 – 10:30 am *Commemorative Wreath Laying Event*** [Trenton Battle Monument 350 N Warren St, Trenton, NJ 08618](https://www.google.com/maps/search/trenton%2Bbattle%2Bmonument/%4040.2271078%2C-74.7709097%2C15z/data%3D%213m1%214b1)

* **Parking** is along North Warren Street or at the Greater Zion-Mount AME Church 42 Pennington Rd., Trenton, NJ 08618 (Directions: [click here](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Greater%2BMount%2BZion%2BAME%2BChurch/%4040.2263625%2C-74.766022%2C17.29z/data%3D%214m8%211m2%212m1%211strenton%2Bbattle%2Bmonument%213m4%211s0x89c159ccd3dff80f%3A0x6ec02d5e8c0c46a8%218m2%213d40.2271277%214d-74.7658836)) or Patriot's Theater Parking Lot at [25 Memorial Drive, Trenton NJ 08608](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Parking%2Blot%2C%2BTrenton%2C%2BNJ%2B08608/%4040.2186298%2C-74.7715917%2C16.3z/data%3D%214m14%211m7%213m6%211s0x89c159cfee967457%3A0xbc7785c9580682c5%212sPatriots%2BTheater%2Bat%2Bthe%2BWar%2BMemorial%218m2%213d40.2183469%214d-74.7681725%2116s/m/0gjbv10%213m5%211s0x89c159daa8212943%3A0x69ec3adf225cacac%218m2%213d40.2176977%214d-74.7694573%2116s/g/11j1m7zhd2?entry=ttu)
* Color Guard Muster 9:30 am
* **10:00 to 10:30 am Commemorative Wreath Laying Event**, Trenton Battle Monument

**11:00 am Reenactment of the Battle of Trenton**

December 26th, 1776.  8:00 am shots ring out one mile north of the Hessian-occupied Trenton. So begins the Battle of Trenton. After a grueling crossing of the Delaware and an all-night, nine-mile march, American troops under the command of George Washington approach the surprised Hessian garrison commanded by Colonel Johann Gottlieb Raul. After only about one hour of street-to-street fighting, Raul is mortally wounded. The Hessians lose another 66 officers and soldiers. George Washington has won his first battle of the American Revolution.

**2:15 to 2:45 pm** Lineage Organization/Military **Commemorative Wreath Laying** at Assunpink Creek, [Mill Hill Park,](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Mill%2BHill%2BPark/%4040.2186629%2C-74.7656536%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x89c159c8ccde252b%3A0x5baaa25bdfa457aa%218m2%213d40.2186588%214d-74.7634649) at the corner of Front and Broad Streets, Trenton, NJ 08608 **Direction to Parking:** Artworks, 115 – 135 S. Stockton St., Trenton NJ 08611 [Click here](https://www.google.com/maps/place/115-135%2BS%2BStockton%2BSt%2C%2BTrenton%2C%2BNJ%2B08611/%4040.2184011%2C-74.7621227%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m12%211m6%213m5%211s0x89c159c8ccde252b%3A0x5baaa25bdfa457aa%212sMill%2BHill%2BPark%218m2%213d40.2186588%214d-74.7634649%213m4%211s0x89c159c8578c44f9%3A0x84d88faa5bd0f82%218m2%213d40.218397%214d-74.759934) , or Patriot's Theater Parking Lot at [25 Memorial Drive, Trenton NJ 08608](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Parking%2Blot%2C%2BTrenton%2C%2BNJ%2B08608/%4040.2186298%2C-74.7715917%2C16.3z/data%3D%214m14%211m7%213m6%211s0x89c159cfee967457%3A0xbc7785c9580682c5%212sPatriots%2BTheater%2Bat%2Bthe%2BWar%2BMemorial%218m2%213d40.2183469%214d-74.7681725%2116s/m/0gjbv10%213m5%211s0x89c159daa8212943%3A0x69ec3adf225cacac%218m2%213d40.2176977%214d-74.7694573%2116s/g/11j1m7zhd2?entry=ttu) **Walking Directions** from Artworks parking to Mill Hill park, [Click here](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Artworks/40.2184491%2C-74.7629364/%4040.218447%2C-74.7630652%2C18z/data%3D%214m9%214m8%211m5%211m1%211s0x89c159c8f05aeb37%3A0x555dfc595ca9c2ed%212m2%211d-74.7603272%212d40.2183215%211m0%213e2).

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**3:00 Reenactment of the Battle of Assunpink Creek**

January 2nd, 1777, only one week after, the British and Hessians counterattacked the Americans at Trenton’s Assunpink Creek on Mill Hill to a nascent victory that would become the Battle of Princeton. You and your family will be able to watch the action as reenactor regiments portray this scene on the streets where it happened.

For information about Patriot's Week in Trenton [click here](https://www.barracks.org/battle-of-trenton-reenactment.html)

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**Sunday, January 5th -** Registrants for the **"***Traversing the Ten Crucial Days”* Bus Tour**"** will also receive a ticket to Princeton Battlefield Society's **"***Experience the Battle of Princeton***"** reenactment.

***“Experience the Battle of Princeton”*** reenactment is presented by the Princeton Battlefield Society with approximately 300 reenactors and over 1,000 spectators. A senior historian narrates the ebb and flow of battle, ending with the victorious Americans routing the British from the field – forever changing history. After the reenactment, the living historians remained on the battlefield and spoke to crowds of spectators, providing more insight.  This has become an annual event commemorating the anniversary of this key battle during the “Ten Crucial Days” of the Revolution.

**8:30 – Getting to the *“Experience the Battle of Princeton”* Reenactment**

* + Princeton Battlefield, [500 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ 08540](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Princeton%2BBattlefield%2BState%2BPark/%4040.3319346%2C-74.677999%2C17z/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m5%213m4%211s0x89c3e14d8de81fc9%3A0xc28206ff13e9032b%218m2%213d40.3319305%214d-74.6758103)
	+ **Must Register** [**click here**](https://pbs1777.org/event/battle-of-princeton-2024/)
	+ Parking Option #1: Shuttle Service will run from the Princeton Theological Seminary Parking log on Library Place, Princeton, NJ 08540 from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
	+ Parking Option #2 Reserved Parking for Lineage Organization members, Color Guard, and Legacy Unit Representatives. Report to the Princeton Battlefield State Park, Parking lot. Parking along at the Princeton Battlefield State Park and on Mercer Street will be limited. Given the limited parking space, some may be asked to opt for Option #2 below.

**9:45 AM to 11:00 am** ***“Experience the Battle of Princeton”* Reenactment**

Plan to arrive at Princeton Battlefield State Park by 9:15 am!

* + 9:45 - Introductions and comments on the Ten Crucial Days of 1776-77
	+ 10:00 - Narration and reenactment of the Battle of Princeton
	+ 1:00 - Converse with British and American reenactors, living historians, and legacy unit representatives.
	+ **11:30 to 12:15 am** **Commemorative Wreath Laying** at Princeton Battlefield. Color Guard Muster 11:00 AM
		- Lineage and Service Organization dignitaries will be introduced and are asked to bring greetings.
		- Local Representatives will be introduced.
		- Legacy Unit Representatives will be introduced. A representative of each unit will explain their unit’s role in the Ten Crucial Days campaigns.
		- Dress: We ask that representatives use Class A dress. However, weather conditions may determine that Field Dress is more appropriate. We will notify all representatives before the event.
		- Colors: Representative legacy units may carry their colors with the SAR Color Guard or have a representative of the SAR carry the legacy unit colors

2022-2024 Units that Attended:

* 1. [**1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery**](https://fy-nl.facebook.com/1stBattalion5thFieldArtillery) "*Hamilton’s Own,"* representing the [*New York Provincial Company of Artillery*](https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/hamiltons-own)
	2. [**United States Marine Corps**](https://mca-marines.org/)**,** representing [*the Pennsylvania, and Continental Marines*](https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/marines-battle-princeton)
	3. [**198th Signal Battalion**](https://www.de.ng.mil/MEDIA/IMAGERY/igphoto/2002166576/) of the Delaware Army National Guard, representing the [*Haslett's 1st Delaware Regiment*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/198th_Signal_Battalion_%28United_States%29)
	4. [**103rd Engineer Battalion**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/103rd_Engineer_Battalion_%28United_States%29) of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, "*The Dandy First,"* representing the [Philadelphia State Artillery Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/4th_Continental_Artillery_Regiment)
	5. [**The 29th Division,175th Infantry Regiment**](https://29thdivisionassociation.com/29th-division-175th-infantry/) of the Maryland Army National Guard, *“Fifth Maryland,”* representing [*Smallwood’s Maryland Regiment*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1st_Maryland_Regiment)
	6. [**U.S. Army 111th Infantry Regiment**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/111th_Infantry_Regiment_%28United_States%29)[**Pennsylvania Army National Guard**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania_Army_National_Guard)'s 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, [28th Infantry Division](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/28th_Infantry_Division_%28United_States%29)
	7. [**3rd Division, 112th Field Artillery Battalion**](https://njmilitiamuseum.org/unit-lineages/112-field-artillery) of the New Jersey Army National Guard, representing [*East Jersey Artillery Company, "Neil’s Battery*](https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/thunder-new-jersey-washingtons-artillery-during-ten-crucial-days)*."*
	8. [**2nd Battalion Royal Anglian Regiment B Leicester Company**](https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/infantry/royal-anglian-regiment/2nd-battalion-the-royal-anglian-regiment/) (Rutland, East Midlands, UK), representing the [*17th Regiment of Foot*](https://www.17thregiment.com/)*,*
	9. [**Queen's Royal Lancers**](https://theroyallancers.org/history/the-queens-royal-lancers-history/), *“The Death or Glory Boys,”* (Catterick Barricks, North Yorkshire, UK) representing the [*Queen’s16th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons*](http://britishcavalryregiments.com/36-16L/16L.html)

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Traveling from out of town? [Click here](https://tencrucialdays.org/visit/) to learn about lodging and restaurants.

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