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*June 9-10, 2023
Yorktown, Virginia*

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

Dinner and Lecture – Prelude to Yorktown:

The 1780-81 Virginia Campaign and the Siege of Yorktown.

4:00 – 8:45 p.m.

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

200 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690

The two-day battlefield tour experience kicks off with a dinner and lecture at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. The evening begins at 4 p.m. with exclusive access to the museum for our guests, who will have the ability to explore the various indoor galleries and outdoor interpretive centers of the museum. Cocktails will be available through a cash bar in the museum lobby, followed by a buffet style dinner. Following dinner, a lecture featuring Dr. J. Britt McCarley, chief historian and director for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Military History and Heritage Program, will analyze the 1780-1781 Virginia campaign that culminated with the Siege of Yorktown, before setting the stage for his guided tour of the battlegrounds the following day. Guests are encouraged to arrive early in the day on Friday, as included with both ticket packages are complimentary tickets to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown that will be honored throughout the museum's normal operating hours on June 9. The dinner and lecture will conclude at approximately 8:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Guided bus tour—The Siege of Yorktown

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Yorktown Battlefield



The guided battlefield bus tour will depart Colonial Williamsburg's Woodlands Hotel and Suites resort promptly at 8:00 a.m., before traveling to Yorktown Battlefield. The day-long tour will begin at the waterfront of the York River, where our guide, Dr. J. Britt McCarley, will lay a foundation for the guided tour through a discussion of Cornwallis' arrival, the Battle of the Capes, and other key events and landmarks that made up the prelude to Yorktown. Following this preliminary discussion, the bus will travel to the Yorktown Battlefield visitor center where the group will disembark and learn about Cornwallis' inner defenses during the siege. This stop is followed by a short drive to the French Grand Battery for a discussion of siege warfare, artillery implemented during the Siege of Yorktown, and the French position throughout the bombardment. Guests will then have the opportunity to act the part of French and American forces as they walk the same trenches the allied forces dug at the site of the French second parallel to gain a firsthand understanding of their experiences in October 1781. Following this discussion, guests will be ferried to the Yorktown Battlefield visitor center for a boxed lunch and leisure time in the visitor center museum and gift shop before boarding the bus and proceeding to Redoubts 9 and 10 for a discussion of the two key attacks during the siege. Following this visit, guests will board the bus for a drive to the Moore House where the articles of capitulation were negotiated before arriving at Surrender Field, where the British and Hessian forces paraded out to lay down their arms in front of the allied forces. After a final discussion, guests will depart at Surrender Field for a return trip to Colonial Williamsburg's Woodlands Hotel and Suites. The day will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m.

SPEAKER AND GUIDE

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J. BRITT MCCARLEY, PH.D. CHIEF HISTORIAN AND DIRECTOR, U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND (TRADOC) MILITARY HISTORY AND HERITAGE PROGRAM

A native of Atlanta, Ga., J. Britt McCarley holds a Ph.D. in U.S. history, with a specialization in military history, from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa, where he studied with the late Dr. Russell

F. Weigley. After working for the National Park Service, Dr. McCarley joined the staff of the Army Historical Program in 1988. Since 2006, he has served as the chief historian for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) and the director of its military history and heritage program. His primary professional interests are in eighteenth, and nineteenth, century U.S. military history, the interpretation and management of historic sites, and the development of military history curriculum, especially ways to technologically enhance instruction. Dr. McCarley is one of the U.S. Army's leading staff ride facilitators, including those covering the Siege of Yorktown for the last twenty-five years. Throughout his career, Dr. McCarley has also written several publications and articles on various military campaigns throughout American history. These include *The Atlanta Campaign: A Civil War Driving Tour of Atlanta-Area Battlefields* (Cherokee Publishing, 1989); *The Atlanta and Savannah Campaigns, 1864* (Department of the Army, 2014); and "The Great Question of the Campaign Was One of Supplies: A Reinterpretation of Sherman's Generalship During the 1864 March to Atlanta in Light of the Logistic Strategy," featured in *Beyond Combat: Essays in Military History in Honor of Russell F. Weigley* (American Philosophical Society, 2007). He is also a contributor to *The Whirlwind War: The United States Army in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm* (Department of the Army, 1995). Dr. McCarley's current work is focused on a forthcoming publication, *The Yorktown Campaign: 1781*, that will be published by the U.S. Army Center of Military History for its Campaigns of the Revolutionary War series in 2025.

"They were not always so dilatory, but they were compelled at last, by necessity, to appear, all armed, with bayonets fixed, drums beating, and faces lengthening" **Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin, Continental Army**

TICKETS

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FULL BATTLEFIELD TOUR EXPERIENCE

GENERAL PUBLIC: \$195.00

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI MEMBERS & ARI ASSOCIATES: \$185.00

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Includes:

Complimentary admission to the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown on Friday, June 9*

Friday night dinner and lecture at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Saturday guided tour of Yorktown Battlefield and boxed lunch**

A complimentary copy of Sebastian Bauman's map depicting the Siege of Yorktown, originally produced in 1782.

*The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation administers both the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown and the Jamestown Settlement. This complimentary admission will only be honored at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

**The guided tour of Yorktown Battlefield will be outdoors and requires a fair amount of off-road walking. Proper attire and footwear for these conditions are recommended.

DINNER & LECTURE ONLY

GENERAL PUBLIC: \$125.00

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI MEMBERS & ARI ASSOCIATES: \$115.00

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ALL REGISTRATION CLOSES WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG'S WOODLANDS HOTEL AND SUITES*

105 Visitor Center Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23185

*Recommended option. This hotel is the bus tour pickup/drop-off location. Free parking is available at the adjacent Colonial Williamsburg visitor center for those who do not wish to stay at this hotel.



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PERTINENT ADDRESSES

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Dinner & Lecture Venue:

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Guided Battlefield Tour Location:

Yorktown Battlefield (Colonial National Historical Park)
1000 Colonial Nat'l Historical Pkwy
Yorktown, VA 23690

Bus Pickup & Drop-off Location:

Colonial Williamsburg's Woodlands Hotel and Suites
105 Visitor Center Drive
Williamsburg, VA 23185

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