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Join General Washington's Army In June 2003 For The Triumphant "March" Out From Valley Forge

(NAPSA)—This June, the Continental Army returns to Valley Forge to celebrate the 225th anniversary of General Washington's triumphant "March Out" of the encampment and on to victory.

For two days, June 21-22 Valley Forge National Historical Park will come alive with 1,000 soldiers, camp followers and children who will recreate the everyday activities of the encampment in 1777-1778—doing laundry, cooking, making campfires and playing games.

On Sunday, all troops will mass on the Grand Parade grounds for musket and cannon firing demonstrations followed by the "March-Out" following Washington's General Orders. Spectators will be invited to "fall in" and join in the march.

The "March Out" is one in a series of events in the regional campaign "Patriots or Traitors: Celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the struggle for Philadelphia." Throughout May and June, there are 25 special events planned, and hotel offers for out-of-town visitors. Special events include military reenactments, a Colonial crafts fair, gardening, dance, dressmaking and beekeeping demonstrations, offering a glimpse into the 18th century's people and politics. Actors will bring colonial characters to life, from Generals Washington and Howe to the Marquis de Lafayette,



Betsy Ross and Ben Franklin.

Hotel packages start at \$64 a night, with the third night free. Children under 16 stay free in parents' rooms and parking is free. The Valley Forge countryside is a great driving destination for families anywhere on the East Coast—half an hour outside of Philadelphia and just 90 minutes from New York City or Baltimore, it's easily accessible from major highways, including I-95 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Go to www.patriotsortraitors.com for more information or call 1-888-Visit VF for a free Visitors Guide. Patriots or Traitors? The 225th Anniversary of the Struggle for Philadelphia is a collaboration among twenty historic sites, sponsored by the Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau with the Council of American Revolutionary Sites. Additional support is provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation.