

# News Release

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COME TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY – FOR THREE DAYS!!

(Newburgh, NY ... January 25, 2013) For most Americans February 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> is Presidents' Day weekend. At Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site, however, it's George Washington's Birthday Celebration. Each day, from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM, General Washington, our first President, will be honored with a birthday cake as a start to the festivities. Everything each day – cake, presentations, entertainment, open house, regimental programs and drills – all for free!

All three days, at 12:15 PM, General Washington, portrayed by John Koopman, will cut the first piece of his birthday cake, inviting visitors to have cake, too. Every day, Revolutionary War re-enactors will regale guests with stories about their regiments and demonstrations of their military prowess. They are Lamb's Artillery on Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> Connecticut on Sunday, and the 5<sup>th</sup> New York on Monday. Demonstrations will be repeated every day, followed by General Washington reviewing the troops.

On Saturday, Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi is a storyteller who will entertain with tales of imagination and inspiration. There will be a presentation about 18<sup>th</sup> Century attire entitled "From Petticoats to Breeches: Unveiling 18<sup>th</sup> Century Clothing." On Sunday, the multi-talented Melody Newcombe, back by popular demand, will perform magic acts and feats of great illusion, and the program "Bite The Bullet" about medicine and medical practices will be given. On Monday, three presentations will be offered: "The First Ladies Name Game," "Dining At Washington's Headquarters" and "The Newburgh Addresses."

Each afternoon, children will be able to dip candles as a take-home craft. Throughout the day, will be setting up shop to sell their wares. General Washington will be greeting visitors in his historic headquarters while Thaddeus MacGregor entertains there musically.

It's a three-day birthday party with things to do for all ages. Call 845-562-1195 for further details or directions. Support for this program is provided by the Friends of the State Historic Sites of the Hudson Highlands, Palisades Interstate Park Commission and the Palisades Parks Conservancy.

Washington's Headquarters  
State Historic Site



***Help us save the Tower of Victory! The Palisades Parks Conservancy has launched a capital campaign to raise funds for the restoration of the Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh, NY. The Tower of Victory***

*is truly one of the treasures of the Hudson Valley. For 125 years, it has stood as the nation's only monument to the lasting peace that came after the end of the Revolutionary War. Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of the President and then Secretary of War, commissioned John Hemingway Duncan, one of the nation's most renowned architects at that time, to design the massive stone arched structure that hosts bronzes sculpted by William Rudolf O'Donovan, the pre-eminent monumental sculptor of the day. It stands on the property where General Washington created the "Badge of Military Merit" now called the Purple Heart medal.*

*Mail your donation to: Palisades Parks Conservancy, P.O. Box 427, 3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain, NY 10911. Or donate online: [www.palisadesparksconservancy.org/donate](http://www.palisadesparksconservancy.org/donate). Remember to put the Tower of Victory in the subject line so we know you want to be a part of the campaign!*

Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site is a registered national historic landmark. It is located at the corner of Liberty and Washington Streets within the city of Newburgh's East End Historic District. The site is one of 35 historic sites within the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and is one of 28 facilities administered by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission in New York and New Jersey. For further information contact: (845) 562-1195. For more information about New York State Parks, please visit our website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com). For more information call 845-562-1195 or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/washingtonsheadquarters](http://www.facebook.com/washingtonsheadquarters).