

# The Brandywine Dispatch

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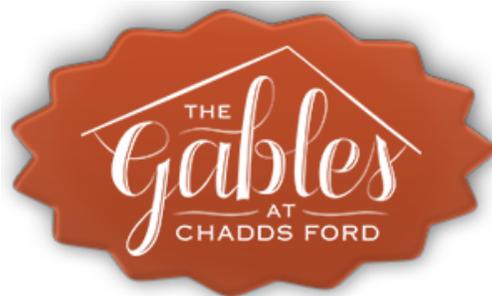
Summer 2018

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## Revolutionary Dining Series

The Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates invite you to join us at **The Gables at Chadds Ford** to learn about our early American History while enjoying a seasonal cuisine. The first of six; each Revolutionary Dining Series will feature a different historic figure, professional historian, or author.



On Tuesday, September 18, 2018, we will have our inaugural lecture for this brand new series. This lecture will feature renowned author and historian, **Thomas J. McGuire** who will be presenting:

### *How King George III Learned about the Battle of Brandywine*

The Archibald Robertson Map of the Battle of Brandywine was discovered in the King's Map Collection at Windsor Castle in 2000. This amazing document was created in the three days after the battle by Captain Archibald Robertson, a competent artist and talented army engineer. His collection of over 70 wash drawings, now in the New York Public Library together with his journal, are perhaps the greatest eyewitness images we have of the war. Robertson was an eyewitness and participant in the battle, and his carefully surveyed map is the most detailed image we have of how the battlefield actually looked. Robertson included fences, woodlots, buildings, and detailed topography. Together with a four-page key, he takes us through the course of the main parts of the battle, namely Cornwallis's flank attack and Knyphausen's push across Chads's Ford. This map is critical for understanding what actually happened at Brandywine and clarifies many of the primary written accounts of the battle.

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## *The President's View: Dining Series*

**REVOLUTIONARY DINING SERIES:** At the risk of sounding like a commercial, I will! Being personally invested, I feel that this series is one of the most critical endeavors we will embark in for the future of our organization. Please join us at 6:00 pm, on the evening of Tuesday September 18, 2018 for the kick-off!

In partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates will kick-off our 2018-2019 Revolutionary Dining Series. We will be collaborating with world class authors and interpreters while being hosted by the Gables Restaurant, located on Route #1, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania with an excellent dinner.

Through this innovative outreach program, we extend this challenge to involve yourself and examine the American Revolution. Please consider attending when you will have an exciting opportunity to get engaged. Share this message with anyone you think may be interested. See you on September 18th at the Gables and get involved.

**If you cannot attend the inaugural event plan to attend future Revolutionary Dining Series dates**

- September 18, 2018
- October 23, 2018
- January 22, 2019
- February 19, 2019
- March 19, 2019
- April 23, 2019



Warm Regards,

Linn (Linnell) Trimbell, President

Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates

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## *Upcoming Events - 2018*

Lecture Series - Thomas J. McGuire - September 18th

Colonial Dancing - September 29th

Lecture Series - Robert A. Selig Ph. D - October 23rd

Patriots Day - November 24th

Lecture Series - TBD - January 22nd

For more information on our events visit: [www.brandywinebattlefield.org/events](http://www.brandywinebattlefield.org/events)

## Summer History Camp Recap

June - August

Summer Camp 2018 was a great success! Many thanks to our Camp Director, Michael Dehaut, all campers, and all of the SHC Staff! This year campers enjoyed many different educational activities, as well as the time honored tradition of Capture the Flag. Campers go away each year with a new sense of appreciation for *how good we have it* in 2018 (or at least we hope!). Below are some pictures from the Parent's favorite, Cooking Day!



Interested? Visit [brandywinebattlefield.org/education/summer-camp/](http://brandywinebattlefield.org/education/summer-camp/) for more info

## Revolutionary Dining Series cont'd

Thomas McGuire is a teacher at Malvern Prep School and is the author of several books relating to the American Revolution and the 1777 Philadelphia Campaign. Some of his works include: *The Philadelphia Campaign Vol 1: Brandywine and the Fall of Philadelphia*, *The Philadelphia Campaign Vol 2: Germantown and the Road to Valley Forge*, *The Battle of Paoli*, *Surprise at Germantown*, *Stop the Revolution*, and several other publications and articles, including the state park guide at the Brandywine Battlefield Park.



Brandywine Battlefield Park would like to thank Thomas as well as The Gables at Chadds Ford for getting this started! Tickets can be purchased online from Eventbrite [here](#). Tickets will also be for sale at the door for \$55. We hope to see you there!

## *Remembrance Day 2018*

September 11th, 2018



It was a somewhat gloomy evening, but the rain held off for us at the annual Remembrance Ceremony. The Ceremony is held every year at 6PM on the anniversary of 9/11 and the Battle of Brandywine, and is our day to honor those that we lost in 1777 and 2001.

The ceremony included talks of the Battle of Brandywine from Director of Education, Andrew Outten, and Past President of BBPA, Carl Closs (portraying George Washington). PA Rep. Stephen Barrar talked about what we went through as a country during these events, and remembering them for future generations.



From top left: Curtis Cheyney speaks about the Liberty Tree, Reenactors and guests enjoy the new Liberty Tree behind Washington's HQ

The 1st DE and 9th PA regiments gave a powerful musket salute for our fallen citizens and soldiers. Also, Curt Cheyney of [The Providence Forum](#) dedicated the new Liberty Tree; which can be seen behind Washington's HQ. We ended in song with *America the Beautiful*, led by Charlotte Paulsen of the Brandywine Baptist Church.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make this year's Remembrance Ceremony possible; *all are appreciated!* We hope to see you again soon!



Musket Salute

"It is our duty to make sure that freedom and patriotism do not die, but instead continue to inspire future generations"

- PA Rep. Stephen Barrar

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## *Patriots Day 2018*

November 24th, 2018

As many of you know, the Holiday Season is quickly approaching (already??) and that means so is our annual Patriot's Day. Join us on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24th, for a day of Colonial Fun. Joining us will be members of 1st DE and 9th PA regiments for musket demonstrations and encampments, as well as reenactors such as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Alexander Hamilton. Food trucks will be on site as well! Stay tuned to [our website](#) for more information as we approach November!



[Check out Ben Franklin's "Wall Gun" at last years Patriot's Day](#)

## *News from the Giftshop*

Feeling a little gray these days? Stop in the gift shop for a new read. Plenty of new books on the shelves, here are just a few:

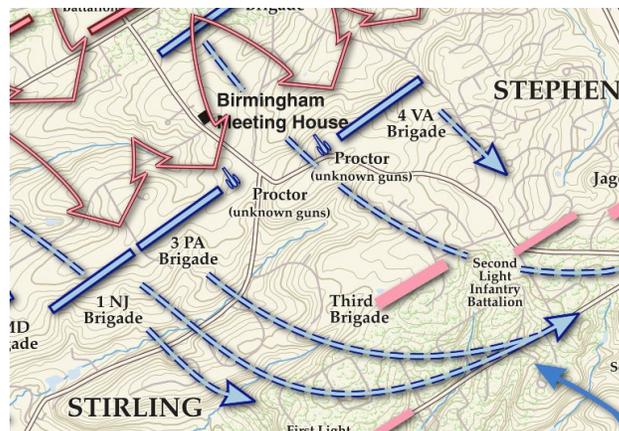


Remember - 10% off all purchases after Patriot's Day, members 20%. The perfect gift may be waiting for you in our Giftshop, you never know!

A taste of our new books!

Members 10% off!

## Brandywine Conservancy Preserves Battlefield!



The Brandywine Conservancy has successfully preserved an additional 13 acres atop Birmingham Hill! Throughout their career, the Conservancy along with the Brandywine Battlefield Taskforce have helped to preserve over *500 acres* of the Brandywine Battlefield. We could not be more excited and thankful for their efforts!

[Check out the full story here](#)



*“Brandywine Battlefield Park serves the educational needs of the public through the preservation of the cultural landscape and the interpretation of the largest single day battle of the American Revolution. The Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, EIN #23-2143174. The official registration and financial information of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, in Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement”*

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**Take Notice! Volunteers Wanted:**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Brandywine Battlefield Park or know someone who might, please visit our website for more information and to fill out a registration form!

[www.brandywinebattlefield.org](http://www.brandywinebattlefield.org)

**Contribution Form**

Yes! I would like to offer additional support to the Brandywine Battlefield Park and Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates by making a tax-exempt donation!

Please send form and donation to: BBPA - P.O. Box 202 Chadds Ford, PA 19317

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