

Calling All History Enthusiasts!

If you would like to experience the 18th Century firsthand - we invite you to join His Majesty's forces and others who remained loyal to the Crown.



We are looking for new recruits who want to represent British, mostly Scottish forces – soldiers as well as civilians - and so-called Hessian Ansbach-Bayreuth and Braunschweig (Brunswick) forces who were allied with the British. If you are interested in the exciting hobby of researching how people lived over 200 years ago, we would be happy to hear from you.

For more information about...

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This year, we are showing life at Fort George in Castine as it would have been like between 1779 and 1783 at a garrison weekend without battle scenario at our event **“1779 – 1783 Fort George – Protected by the Crown” September 9 & 10, 2017 in Castine, Maine.**

A brief history of Fort George

After the ill-fated Penobscot Expedition in the summer of 1779 ended in victory for the Crown, the region around Fort George at Penobscot Bay became a relatively safe haven for the Scottish troops and the Loyalists who flocked there from other parts of New England. The Fort was continuously reinforced, so that in the summer of 1782, George Washington successfully discouraged the French from attacking it by calling it “The most regularly constructed and best finished of any in America, is well situated and garrisoned by the 74 th Regiment” Britain assumed that the Penobscot River would become the border between the inevitable United States of America and British North America, therefore, in the fall of 1782, Fort George received reinforcements from about 200 Braunschweig and about 200 Ansbach-Bayreuth troops. Alas – Fort George needed to be vacated by the crown troops in 1783 when John Adams proved that the whole Maine Province was a part of Massachusetts, and therefore part of the new United States of America.

Though there is not a complete Fort in existence today, the earthworks and some brick works tell the story of its footprint. And there is much documentation to tell what life was like during the time this area was protected by the Crown. Come and join us to tell the story and help in giving more prominence to the importance of Fort George. Every year, the Friends of Castine Fortifications plan to expand on the fascinating part in history both from the Patriot side as well as the Crown side this area played nationally and internationally.

What is FOCF?

The Mission of the Friends of Castine Fortifications is the preservation and restoration of the many fortifications of Castine, Maine, and to promote awareness of the educational value of these historic treasures.

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