

**Friends of Castine Fortifications present:
“1779 – 1783 Fort George – Disputed Territory”
September 8 & 9, 2018 in Castine, Maine**



Greetings to Crown Troops, Hessians, Patriots and Loyalists:

Friends of Castine Fortifications and 74th Highlanders invite to a garrison weekend with battle scenario at Fort George in Castine on September 8 & 9, 2018 for our event

“1779 – 1783 Fort George – Disputed Territory”

Educational programs starting on Friday, September 7, 2018.

Fort George in Castine, Maine is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Introduction:

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 74th 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 – of the so-called Hessians. During the years the area was in British hands, the Patriots made several attempts to unseat the Crown troops.

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 in a district not unsympathetic to the Patriot cause.

Come and join us to tell the story of Fort George and the fascinating part in history this area played nationally and internationally.

Location:

Fort George at Penobscot Bay is located at 1 Wadsworth Cove Road, across from Maine Maritime Academy.

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