240th Battle of Ridgefield CT.

April 29th, 2017

Schedule of event;

Saturday - 0900am – Check in opens at the British Camp…Ballard Park, 473 Main Street, directly across the street from the Ridgefield Town Library – 472 Main Street. Route 35 south.

Parking for reenactors will be at either the Library or the CVS Plaza, which is a stone’s throw from the British Camp. Very easy walk.

1130 am First Shuttle bus to depart to main Starting point Assembly area, a second bus will depart at 1200am to assist with massing the British at the start point.

1230 pm British forces step off from the City Bank Parking Lot.621 Main Street, Directly across the street from Tony’s Corner Deli. The intersection of Rte. 116 and Rte.35 south.

NOTE: The British Camp and Parking areas are about a 15 min walk to the City Bank Parking Area, you can walk or take the shuttle bus.

The British Forces will step off at exactly 1230…. if you are late arriving you will have issues getting about the Town because the Main road will be shut down thus no traffic will be permitted to move. As the main Column of British Troops pass by each of the Barricades …the area will be cleared, for the Police to allow Traffic to start moving back towards the center of town.

At about 1250 the 1st Barricade will be engaged and over-run, the Troops will be re-assembled and then proceed to the next Barricade.

At about 1315 the 2nd Barricade will be engaged and over-run…resistance will be greater than the 1st engagement. Again, the British troops will be assembled for the push into the town center. At which time the Local Militia will try to slow the British advance {Street Firing}

As the main Body of British approach the center of town [1330]. Small groups of Militia will attempt to resest the advance but will fail and retreat out of town and try to support a 3rd Barricade just outside the southern end of town. While advancing into town the main Column will halt and commence the Ransacking and pillaging while the officers have a cocktail or two at the Village Tavern, 378 Main Street.

The schedule permits about 30 mins of interactions with the local business… [ selected shop owners and local businesses} will be visited by assigned Troops to do what is necessary to persuade the townsfolk to cooperate.

A halt in the action will be ordered will the Troops are reassembled for a brief ceremony at a reviewing stand of local Town officials and VIP’s.in front of the Town Hall/Local Masonic Lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the troops will be ordered to continue the march towards the Keeler Tavern. There will be one last Barricade to destroy and over-run.

The final push to the Keeler Tavern will be mostly street firing and flanking. a straight march to the tavern, which will conclude the day’s events at about 1500.

The action will stop at the Keeler Tavern, 132 Main Street, where the American Camp will be set up…5th CT Host unit. There will be a shuttle bus at the site to transport the British back to the Camp area at Ballard Park…and the various parking areas. The walk from the Keeler Tavern to the center of town is just a little over 25 mins at the most, you can either walk back on your own or take the shuttle bus.

A hot Meal and Beer & Ale will be provided to all the re-enactors that participate…The exact details as to where the service will be provided is being finalized…either catered or Pig Roast? …You will be fed and have plenty to drink.