



During the summer of 1776, King George III of England, seeking to snuff out an incipient rebellion in the American colonies that had begun a year earlier in Boston, dispatched more than 30,000 soldiers and sailors to New York. At that same time, the American colonists were preparing for the defense of New York, building fortifications on the heights of Brooklyn overlooking New York harbor and calling for volunteer enlistments under the command of General George Washington. On August 22, after an American declaration of independence and the failure of several attempts at diplomacy, British troops disembarked along Gravesend Bay, and the American War for Independence began in earnest.

After a series of lightning attacks, the British overran the Americans' outer defenses, leaving the Continental Army on the brink of defeat. In a feat of sheer heroism, General William Alexander (Lord Stirling) organized several companies of Maryland and Delaware soldiers and attacked the British positions at the Old Stone House. This provided a brief window for the Americans caught behind enemy lines to escape across the Gowanus Creek to the safety of the American fortifications on Brooklyn Heights. Two nights later, under the cover of darkness and fog, General Washington effected his legendary retreat across the East River, saving his army to fight another day.

The events commemorating the Battle are coordinated by the Old Stone House & Washington Park, which is located at Third Street @ Fifth Avenue. We are grateful to the Battle of Brooklyn Memorial Society, the National Park Service Rangers, The Green-Wood Cemetery, the Michael A. Rawley American Legion Post, the Irish American Parade Committee and members of the Continental Line and the Brigade of the American Revolution for their support in organizing these events.

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The Battle of Brooklyn 1776

Celebrating the 238th Anniversary of
the American Revolution in Brooklyn

August 17-24, 2014



**A week of events and activities
commemorating the opening chapter
in our drive for independence**

EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Sunday, August 17- Sunday, August 24

Display of 85 Revolutionary War flags and their history. The Green-Wood Cemetery, 5th Avenue at 25th Street, Brooklyn. 718-210-3080 | green-wood.com

Sunday, August 17, 8 am

Battle of Brooklyn 10-mile race and relay. JackRabbit Sports, Shake Shack and Brooks Sports sponsor this annual running race in Prospect Park. *Registration: jackrabbitsports.com*

Sunday, August 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Evergreens Cemetery Walking Tour. Evergreens Cemetery presents a walking tour of its revolutionary war-related sites. Meet at Evergreens Cemetery Main Gate, Bushwick Avenue and Conway Street, Brooklyn. 718-455-5300 | theevergreens.org

Sunday, August 17, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Maryland 400 Remembrance Ceremony. Meet at the Michael A. Rawley Post, 8th Street @ 3rd Avenue, for a reading of the names of the Marylander 400, followed by a march to the Old Stone House & Washington Park. Sponsored by the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee. 718-768-3195 | theoldstonehouse.org

Tuesday, August 19, 6 pm & Saturday, August 23, 4 pm

Battle of Brooklyn Neighborhood Walk Led by Old Stone House Board Member and Hunter College Archaeology Professor William J. Parry. Meet at Grand Army Plaza entrance to Prospect Park, NW corner. \$12 per person/\$10 OSH members; includes light refreshments. Wear comfortable shoes. *Reservations 718-768-3195 | info@theoldstonehouse.org*



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Wednesday, August 20, 6 pm - 7 pm

Gowanus Dredgers Estuary Tour. Canoe the Gowanus Canal and learn about the history of this infamous escape route for American soldiers during the Battle of Brooklyn. 2nd Street between Bond and the Gowanus Canal. gowanuscanal.org

Thursday, August 21 & Friday, August 22, 8 pm

Concrete Timbre presents Anna Strong's Laundry, a multidisciplinary performance with live original contemporary music, projections and dance intertwined into a celebration of Brooklyn's diversity today and throughout America's fight for freedom. Old Stone House & Washington Park. 718-768-3195 | concretetimbre.com



Saturday, August 23, 10 am sharp

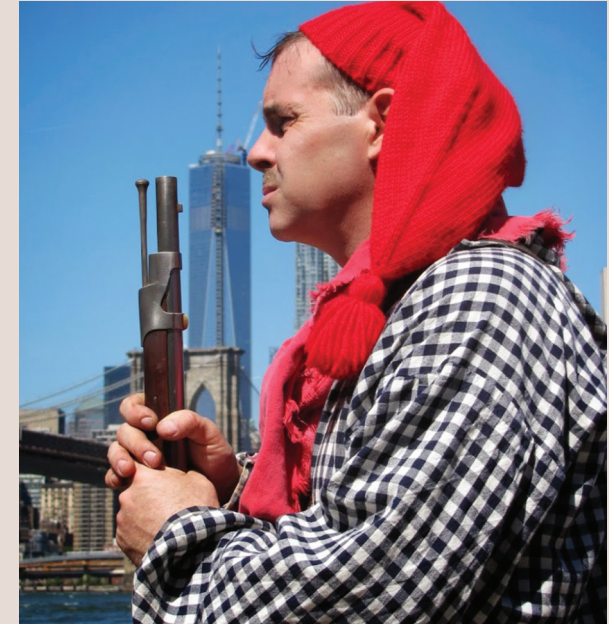
Prison Ships Martyrs Memorial Ceremony. Coordinated by the Society of Old Brooklynites, American Merchant Marine Association, and Navy Armed Guard. Prison Ships Martyrs Monument, Fort Greene Park. 718-499-7600

Saturday, August 23 1pm - 5pm

General Nathaniel Woodhull Exhibit. Learn about the first American militia general killed in the Revolutionary War and his unsavory mission during the Battle of Brooklyn. Onderdonk House, 1820 Flushing Avenue, Ridgewood. 718-456-1776 londerdonkhouse.org

Saturday, August 23, Noon - 2 pm

The Great Escape with Re-enactors from General John Glover's Marblehead Regiment . Join re-enactors for an historic depiction of aspects of maritime history, camp life and community, and the role of the Brooklyn Waterfront. Brooklyn Bridge Park, Main Street-Pebble Cove. (718) 768-3195



Saturday, August 23, 1 pm - 4pm

Scavenger Battle! Team up with family & friends for trivia, gaming and historical fun. Follow "Brooklyn vs. Britain" pop culture clues in an interactive scavenger hunt, play our Battle Ship Memory Match game and help us create a unique Brooklyn timeline. The Brooklyn Navy Yard Center at BLDG 92, 63 Flushing Avenue (at Carlton Ave). 718-907-5932 | bldg92.org

Saturday, August 23, 6 pm - 9 pm

Revolutionary Brooklyn/Revolutionary Fare. \$45 in advance/ \$50 at the door. A tasting of Colonial-inspired dishes by top Brooklyn restaurants, includes a colonial cocktail, roast pig and more. Beer and wine available to purchase. Pie making contest for amateurs and professionals. Music too. The Old Stone House & Washington Park, in partnership with Ft. Defiance. *Reservations: theoldstonehouse.org*

Sunday, August 24, 10 am - 2 pm

Battle of Brooklyn Commemoration at The Green-Wood Cemetery. Re-enactors, military skirmish, Lord Percy's original map of the battle, memorial ceremony atop Battle Hill. 5th Avenue at 25th Street, Brooklyn. *Reservations: 718-210-3080*

Sunday, August 24, 4 pm

Double Entendre wind ensemble performs a trio in B-flat Major by Handel for 2 oboes and bassoon, The Marriage of Fat Kate by Philidor for 2 oboes, English horn and bassoon, Trio No. 3 in B-flat Major by Gebauer for 3 bassoons, Trio op. 4 by Julius Weissenborn for 3 bassoons, and Robin Hood, an arrangement by Milton Granger for oboe, oboe d'amore, English horn and bassoon. theoldstonehouse.org

