

## **2025 EXHIBITORS & EXPERIENCES**

**ACKLEY'S ALLEY**: Modeled after Elphreth's Alley in Old town Philadelphia dating to 1703, It is a street where artisans and working-class families lived. Immerse yourself in the story of textiles and follow the journey from fiber to finished product: sheep to wool blankets, flax to linen clothing. Experience spinning, carding, weaving, needlework. Discover the joy of working with your hands on this very busy side of town.

**TOWN SQUARE**: Eighteenth Century villages commonly had a town square or a Market Street. Merchants and Trades of the era lined the streets. The tavern and the church were centrally located, and it was customary to visit a tavern first when arriving in town. Enjoy our town square with trades and engage in a lawn game and talk with the locals. Visit the Bell in Hand Tavern. modeled after the gathering place in Boston run by the town crier, hence the name.

**LIFEWAYS**: Explore different types of living in the 18th century. In Middletown, meet a Frontiersman, a traveling buckskinner, a voyageur and more.

**MERCANTILE**: Shop our mercantile and bring home unique gifts and specialty crafts to reflect your visit to Middletown 1775.

**TAVERN TALKS:** At 11:30am and at 2:30pm each day, historical figures will attend the Bell in Hand Tavern to wet their whistle and talk with the patrons.

## **APPEARANCES:**

Friday – Mrs. Washington and Debra Samson share some history. Saturday - Polly Cooper, Billy Flora, and Martha Washington engage the audience in historical banter.

**WHERE IS GEORGIE?** A mischievous eagle calls Middletown home. He likes to hide throughout the town and keep an eye on the goings-on. As you explore and visit, keep an eye out! If you can find 13 of his hiding spots, you can earn a reward and a discount to purchase a Georgie to take home for your very own.

**SPY MISSIONS:** Things are changing in 1775 Middletown. Try your hand at the spy mission and help the rebels with crucial intelligence to gain an upper hand.

CRIME & PUNISHMENT: Discover the stockade & other forms of punishment for malefactors in 1775.

**PERIOD COSTUMES:** Feast your eyes upon villagers donning the clothing worn by men, women, and children during the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

**GENEAOLOGY:** Find out if one of your ancestors served during the Revolutionary War by stopping in at the Daughters of the American Revolution table and chat with one of the genealogists.

FOOD: Chick-fil-A is available 11:00am-1:00pm each day