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**Step Back to 1775! Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia Encamps at Stanley-Whitman House
Saturday, September 6, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

FARMINGTON, Conn. – On Saturday, September 6, 2025, Stanley-Whitman House will transform into a living stage for Revolutionary War history as the Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia, Co. 1775, sets up camp on the museum's historic grounds at 37 High Street, Farmington, CT. From 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., visitors will step into the world of 18th-century soldiers and civilians, experiencing the sights, sounds, and textures of daily life during the American Revolution.

Formed to honor the service of Lebanon's Revolutionary War soldiers in the 6th Company, 3rd Connecticut Regiment, the militia portrays both military and civilian life from 1775 to 1783. Throughout the afternoon, the encampment will come alive with military drills, inspections, and camp demonstrations—allowing visitors to hear the commands of officers, observe the precision of a trained company, and learn about the strategies and preparations that shaped 18th-century warfare. Interpretive scenarios will explore the challenges, coordination, and decision-making that defined the Revolutionary battlefield.

Alongside the military camp, a wide array of civilian trades, skills, and occupations will be represented. Visitors may encounter basket makers shaping forms for everyday use; cooks preparing meals over open hearths; candle makers dipping and molding tallow; artisans preserving food with pre-refrigeration techniques; gunsmiths displaying reproduction flintlocks; leatherworkers crafting pouches and straps; herbalists and midwives sharing remedies and stories from birth to death; musicians playing harp, fiddle, and guitar; pewter casters making spoons, musket balls, and toy soldiers; surgeons explaining 18th-century medical practices; spinners, weavers, and dyers working wool into cloth; and woodworkers shaping stools, chairs, and tool handles on a shave horse. Each activity offers an authentic, hands-on glimpse into the skills that sustained communities during the Revolution.

Although based in Lebanon, the militia's visit to Farmington is deeply tied to shared Revolutionary history. In April 1775, seventy-two men from Lebanon marched under Captain James Clark to the Lexington Alarm as part of the 6th Company, 3rd Connecticut Regiment. That same regiment included Farmington men such as Samuel Richards, John Mix, Elijah Andrus, Joseph Hawley, Jonathan Hart, Joel Smith, and William Judd, who served alongside their Lebanon counterparts in campaigns from Boston to Saratoga. Several of these Farmington veterans now rest in Memento Mori Cemetery, their stories preserved in the same regimental history the Lebanon militia honors today.

This year's encampment also carries a personal connection. Nicole Paquette, a member of the Stanley-Whitman House Board of Directors, and her son, Crichton Granados—both regular historical interpreters at the museum—are active members of the Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia. Their participation bridges the museum's educational mission with the militia's living history work.

Set against the backdrop of the museum's ca. 1720 National Historic Landmark house—renowned for its rare Post-Medieval architecture—visitors can tour the house, explore its 17th- and 18th-century gardens, and experience the Lebanon militia's camp life in an authentic colonial setting.

"The Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia brings the Revolutionary War to life in a way that connects directly to our mission," said Andres A. Verzosa, Executive Director and Curator of Stanley-Whitman House. "Pairing their encampment with our house, gardens, and historic landscape—and tying it to the service of Farmington's own Revolutionary soldiers—offers visitors an unparalleled opportunity to step into the 18th century. As we approach America's 250th anniversary in 2026, events like this help us understand the sacrifices and skills that built our nation."

The encampment will take place rain or shine on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Stanley-Whitman House, 37 High Street, Farmington, Connecticut. Admission to the encampment is free and takes place outdoors on the museum grounds. Regular museum admission applies to guided tours of the historic 1720 house and exhibits. Admission is always free for Stanley-Whitman House members, North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) members, and active-duty U.S. military personnel (including the National Guard and Reserves) and their families through the Blue Star Museums program. For more information, visit <https://s-wh.org/> or call (860) 677-9222.

About Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia

The Ye Olde Lebanon Towne Militia is a dedicated living history group portraying soldiers and civilians of Connecticut's Third Regiment during the American Revolution. Through historically accurate drills, encampments, and demonstrations, the militia educates the public about colonial military life and the everyday experiences of those who lived during America's fight for independence. Members participate in events throughout New England, bringing history to life through authentic clothing, equipment, and interpretation. <https://www.lebanonmilitia.com/>.

About Stanley-Whitman House

Stanley-Whitman House, a National Historic Landmark, is a museum and living history center that collects, preserves, and interprets the history and culture of 17th- to 19th-century Farmington, Connecticut. Since 1935, it has operated under the auspices of the Farmington Village Green and Library Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational organization. The museum invites visitors of all ages to immerse themselves in history by engaging directly with colonial life and the ideas that shaped it. The site includes a ca. 1720 house furnished with period antiques, raised-bed gardens, an apple orchard, and heritage stone walls. Stanley-Whitman House also manages Memento Mori, Farmington's ancient burial ground; Scott Swamp Cemetery; and the Village Green. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and by appointment. Last tour leaves at 3:15 p.m. More at <https://s-wh.org/>.