

THE BRANDYWINE DISPATCH

Looking Toward 250
— FALL 2026



News & New Beginnings — Robin Baker, Marketing & Events Manager

It's been a busy and memorable summer at Brandywine Battlefield Park. We've had many visitors, both for regular admission days and events. Each event brought new ways for visitors to connect with the site and its history. Brews at the Battlefield, our Fourth of July celebration, and Voices of Brandywine all offered something different, from music and community, to storytelling and reflection, and together they made this season one to remember.

As fall begins, planning for the 250th continues across every part of the park. Staff and volunteers are focused on upcoming programs and projects that will carry us into next year's commemorations.

There's plenty happening behind the scenes, and we're looking forward to sharing more as the work unfolds.



Field Report — Troy Grubb, PHMC Site Administrator



It has been a really good summer for the Park. Visitation has been up, largely due to the excitement surrounding the 250th and the influx of visitors from out-of-state here to celebrate the nation's anniversary. We also conducted three successful events: Brews at the Battlefield, our 4th of July celebration, and Voices of Brandywine.

Briefly, I'll touch on each of our events. Our Brews at the Battlefield event on June 13 enjoyed wonderful weather and was highlighted by our fantastic breweries, unique food options, including pizza cones and empanadas, and lively band, Cattail Bloom. The 4th of July celebration featured readings of the Declaration of Independence from period reenactors, musket firing demonstrations, and lectures about the creation of the Declaration.

On August 1st, we hosted our theatrical event, Voices of Brandywine. This living history program, supported by the Delaware Theatre Company and their dedicated actors and production staff, brought to life the experiences of six individuals who felt the impact of the Battle of Brandywine. Through two dramatic plays, visitors were able to get a sense of the fear and resiliency expressed by figures like George Washington and Polly Frazer. We also invited General Anthony Wayne and Phillis Wheatley to be a part of the day.

Please follow us on social media and check our website for information on our 250th events for the rest of 2026 and in 2027.

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“VOICES OF BRANDYWINE” STORIES OF THE BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE



Captain Johann Ewald

General George Washington

Captain Enoch Anderson

Thank you to everyone who joined us for *Voices of Brandywine*. Your presence helped turn the day into a thoughtful celebration of community and the history of the Battle of Brandywine. It was a pleasure to meet you and to share the story of the battle in a format that was new and engaging.

We are grateful to our staff and volunteers for their steady support, to the actors and reenactors who brought the past into view, to our special guests who enriched the experience, to our sponsors who strengthen public programs, and to our partners who helped make the event possible. We invite you to stay connected and sign up for updates about future programs.

**18th Century Reenactor:
1st Continental Regiment**



Chester County Militia



Phillis Wheatley



General Anthony Wayne

Mary “Polly” Frazer



**Joseph
Townsend**

**Benjamin
Rush**

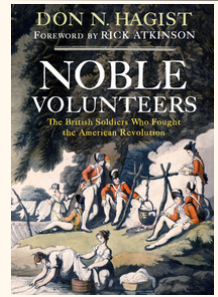
Orders from Headquarters

250TH REVOLUTIONARY SPEAKER SERIES FT. DON N. HAGIST

- November 14, 2026
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Don N. Hagist, managing editor of the Journal of the American Revolution, uncovers the real lives of the British soldiers who fought in America.

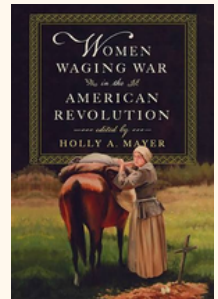
Drawing on extensive primary research from archives across North America and Europe, his book *Noble Volunteers* brings their stories into sharp focus.



250TH REVOLUTIONARY SPEAKER SERIES FT. DR. HOLLY A. MAYER

- February 20, 2027
- 12:00 - 1:30 PM
- VIRTUAL, ZOOM

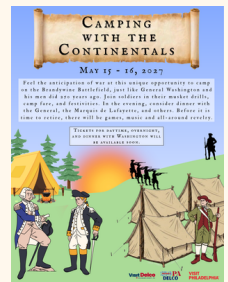
Dr. Holly A. Mayer is professor emerita of history at Duquesne University and has held major military history appointments at West Point and the U.S. Army War College. Her work explores the social, cultural, and military worlds of late eighteenth-century North America. She is the author of *Congress's Own* and *Belonging to the Army*, and has edited *Women Waging War in the American Revolution* and co-edited *For the Record: A Documentary History of America* with David E. Shi.



CAMPING WITH THE CONTINENTALS

- May 15 & 16, 2027
- Daytime Activities
- Dinner with Washington, Lafayette, and other officers
- Overnight Encampment

An exclusive & exciting weekend at Brandywine Battlefield Park, where guests can experience life like 1777 soldiers. For example, you could take part in musket drills, learn about cooking over open fires from camp followers, and sleep in tents. There will be an opportunity to buy a additional ticket to an colonial-style dinner with General Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, and other officers.



FROM THE BATTLEFIELD: 18TH CENTURY QUIZ — Terry Ceulers, Lexicon Legend

Many of the common words we use today, had very different meanings in the 18th century.

1. "First Rate" referred to:
 - a. The highest quality
 - b. The largest size
 - c. A top military officer
 - d. A perfect score
2. A "jump" was:
 - a. A dance step
 - b. A quick trip
 - c. A woman's loose stays or waistcoat
 - d. A children's game
3. Meaning of 'Lie Together'
 - a. To share a bed romantically
 - b. To tell the same lie
 - c. To stay or lay over somewhere
 - d. To live in the same household
4. A "secret" referred to:
 - a. A privy
 - b. A coded message
 - c. A hidden room
 - d. A locked chest



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Our Mission:

To preserve, interpret, and share the impact of the enduring story of the Battle of the Brandywine, the largest and longest single-day land battle of the American Revolution.

Our Goals:

- To present educational programs, exhibits, tours, events and publications that broaden public understanding and appreciation of the significance of the Battle of Brandywine within the larger social, political, economic, technological and military context of the American Revolution period.
- To be a leader in interpretation, participate in efforts to preserve, the Battlefield National Historic Landmark, of which Brandywine Battlefield Park is only a small part, and recognize the significance of the ten square miles where approximately 30,000 men fought.
- To sustain a strong partnership between PHMC, the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates and other groups whose valued guidance and support enhance the mission and goals of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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