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A Revolutionary Experience Scheduled for May 22-23

Gloucester County's Museum of History will host a free, family-friendly program the weekend of May 22-23 to remember the County's role in the Revolutionary War. The program, "Gloucester 1776: A Revolutionary Experience," will include musket firing demonstrations, reenactors, colonial era games and music, children's activities and more.

In the Spring of 1776, 245 years ago, the 7th Virginia Regiment was posted in Gloucester County. Ten companies of infantry, including one from Gloucester, assembled at the colonial courthouse following instructions from the Committee of Safety. By mid-May 1776, five of those companies were in Williamsburg, but the other five remained in Gloucester. The revolution was in its early days, and the question was, "Is war coming to Gloucester County?"

The program will align with Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOLs) for students of all ages, with emphasis on Virginia studies and the Revolutionary War. "We are excited for the historic court circle and its surrounding area to come to life with the sights and sounds of the American Revolution," said Robert Kelly, Museums Coordinator for Gloucester County. "A Revolutionary Experience will show visitors what life for the patriots of 1776 was actually like!"

The program is being made possible through a partnership with the Gloucester Historical Society, Friends of the Museum, the 7th Virginia Regiment, and Gloucester's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. Participants will be asked to wear a face mask and practice social distancing. For more information, call 804-693-1234.