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French and Indian War “School of the Soldier” Event on September 21st and 22nd

In 1755, one year after the beginning of the tumultuous French and Indian War, Pennsylvanian Conrad Weiser organized a militia to protect settlements in Berks County, Pennsylvania from Native American attacks. One year later, newly commissioned Lieutenant Colonel William Clapham, assembled the 3rd Battalion Pennsylvania Regiment, the “Augusta Regiment,” to build and defend Fort Augusta from Native American attacks. Both of these battalions have been recreated by living historians, who dedicate their time to tell the stories of the service of those soldiers who fought for this land during the French and Indian War. In this spirit, the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) is pleased to host a French and Indian War “School of the Soldier” event from 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, September 21st and 11 AM until mid-afternoon on Sunday, September 22, 2013, featuring these historical battalions.

In 1754, a violent struggle between England and France broke out, resulting in the global conflict known as the Seven Year’s War. French and British soldiers met in battle all over the world, including North America, where the conflict was known as the French and Indian War. With the aid of Native Americans on both sides, the French battled the British Army, Royal Americans, and colonial militias for control of the North American colonies. Training for “frontier” warfare became paramount. This “School of the Soldier” event illustrates the training soldiers went through and portrays the daily life of the soldiers and their families.

The USAHEC invites you to join the members of Weiser’s 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment, and the 3rd Battalion, Pennsylvania Regiment of Foot on the Army Heritage Trail for a weekend long event. Visit the facility to witness how they train their new recruits to be proper soldiers of the French and Indian War. The event is engaging for all ages, and children are encouraged to attend and participate in some of the activities offered specifically for them, including marching drill and interactive music programs. The event will include a wide range of other activities, allowing guests to witness a weapons presentation, listen to lectures, participate in discussions, and learn about life as a soldier in the French and Indian War.

The French and Indian War “School of the Soldier” event is free and open to the public. The museum gift shop will be open on Saturday and Sunday, and the Café Cumberland will be open Saturday. Parking is free. For more information and directions, please visit the USAHEC website at www.usahec.org or call 717-245-3972.