

MEDIA RELEASE

The Story of the War of 1812 comes to life at Backus Heritage Conservation Area

Port Rowan – September 5, 2017 – Join more than 200 soldiers and settlers as they set up camp for the annual War of 1812 Re-enactment. Each year on the weekend following Labour Day, historical re-enactors converge on Backus Heritage Conservation Area for what many people view as the highlight of the year – the War of 1812 Reenactment.

“Many visitors tell us that the War of 1812 Re-enactment is their favourite Backus Heritage Conservation Area event,” says Sheila Johnson, Curator at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. “For over 25 years, the Norfolk Militia Heritage Regiment has partnered with Backus Heritage Village to present an immersive experience of what life was like in Norfolk County during the War of 1812, specifically during the raids on coastal communities in Upper Canada in 1814.” The event includes battle demonstrations, an 1812 sutlery, costumed interpretation of camp life and the life of a soldier as well as medical practises of the time.

Programming and activities take place 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, September 10th. The main battle will be at 2:00 pm.

Backus Heritage Conservation Area is located 2 kilometres north of Port Rowan.

For more information about activities scheduled during the War of 1812 Re-enactment event visit lprca.on.ca or contact Sheila Johnson, Curator at 519-586-2201, ext 228.

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