

*“We will not give up the Fort, let  
the consequences be what they may!”*  
~Colonel William Ledyard  
September 6, 1781



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Although the challenges we have all faced this year are very different from those encountered by Colonel Ledyard, we have embraced his spirit and are looking forward with hope and determination to the opportunity to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Revolutionary War battle at Fort Griswold on the weekend of September 4th and 5th, 2021.

I am writing today to share  
our plans with you, and  
to ask for your support with  
this exciting event.

Fort Griswold 240th will include an encampment of military re-enactors, representing both Patriot Militia and British Infantry forces. There will be skirmishes and artillery demonstrations offered throughout the weekend, a Colonial Fife and Drum musical performance, friendly and fun activities for children, and educational lectures by inspirational speakers. Ebenezer Avery House and the Monument House Museum will be open for tours on both days. Sunday will conclude with our annual candlelight commemoration ceremony honoring the sacrifices made by the brave defenders of Fort Griswold on that fateful day in 1781.



We will need your help!

An event of this size involves long-term planning and many expenses- gunpowder and insurance, stipends for re-enactors, hospitality and safety for visitors –all of this comes at a cost. We are working hard to raise these funds through membership drives, gift shop sales, grants, and sponsorships. We are also making a direct appeal to friends and neighbors like you for your support. Your gift will help us to get our fundraising on a good, solid footing. Donations of any amount are very gratefully received. Remember that if you are a member of Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, they will generously match donations made during the Charter Oak Fall 2020 campaign.

Thank you!

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Friends of Fort Griswold Battlefield  
State Park