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INVITATION TO THE COMMEMORATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CROWN FORCES IN THE CEREMONY OF THE 1781 SIEGE OF YORKTOWN

1. You are cordially invited by the national liaison representatives of the United Kingdom and Canada to participate in a ceremony on 18 October 2023, to honour the British and Loyalist soldiers who participated in the 1781 Siege of Yorktown.
2. The ceremony will take place on the 18th of October in Yorktown proper. A sequence of events is enclosed and will essentially see the participants begin at the Gov. Thomas Nelson, Jr., Nelson House, at the Garden's West Wall to honour the Crown Soldiers. A walk to the Queen's Rangers plaque located across from the Riverwalk to honour the Loyalist Soldiers and finally sojourn to the Watermen's Museum Carriage House for a solemn service.
3. Please confirm your attendance to Mr. Michael Rolla, either by mobile 757.329.3170, or email mfrolla@gmail.com.

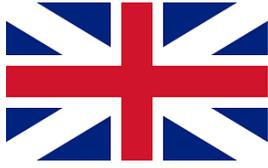
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Paul Bates
Colonel
GBR NLR

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Antonino Stabile
Lieutenant-Colonel
CAN NLR

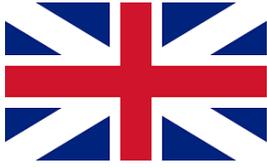
Enclosure: Sequence of Events



Dedication Ceremony

Yorktown, Virginia October 18th, 2023
242nd Anniversary of the Siege of Yorktown

British Soldier's Ceremony, Nelson House Garden (Lord Cornwallis's Plaque)
1025 – Guests/Participants to arrive at Gov. Thomas Nelson, Jr., Garden
1030 – Opening address and commemoration - Representative for the Col Bates, UK National Liaison Representative to NATO SACT
1045 – Wreath Laying and playing of 'The Last Post'
1050 – Closing remarks
1055 – Disperse to Loyalist Soldier's Ceremony
Loyalist Soldier's Ceremony, Yorktown Waterfront (Queen's Rangers Plaque)
1115 – Commemoration: Representative for LCol Stabile, CAN National Liaison Representative to NATO SACT
1130 – Wreath Laying and playing of 'The Last Post'
1135 – Closing Remarks
1140 – Disperse to the Watermen's Museum Carriage House
Service, Watermen's Museum Carriage House
1150 – Commencement of Remembrance Service - Chaplain Mark Mander RN - A word from the CO Queen's York Rangers through CAN NLR Rep - Final word from GBR NLR Rep
1215 – End of Service followed by a Meet and Greet



*The Royal Canadian Legion, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Earl of Burma,
Post 180 (USA) of Virginia, proudly sponsors today's ceremonies.*

History of the Plaques

Lieutenant General Charles, Earl Cornwallis.

The plaque was dedicated on October 16, 1931, during the sesquicentennial celebration (150th anniversary) at Yorktown. The tablet was unveiled by Lord Stanley Wykeham Cornwallis of Norfolk, a descendent of Lieutenant General Charles, Earl Cornwallis. Whereas Great Britain had honoured General Washington by accepting from the Commonwealth of Virginia a statue and placing it in Trafalgar Square, London, demonstrating on her part 'by-gones are forgotten'. Virginia felt compelled to erect this plaque to Lord Cornwallis as a fitting and gracious act. The plaque was unveiled as a memorial to Lieutenant General Charles, Earl Cornwallis and to the valour of the British Soldiers.

Queen's Rangers.

On October 16, 2020, on the Waterfront at Yorktown, Virginia, a ceremony was held recognizing the restoration of a plaque honouring the Queen's Rangers to the public after three decades in storage. The plaque was originally a gift from the Ontario Heritage Trust, Ministry of Culture & Recreation, to Yorktown to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Siege. The restored plaque gives a brief history of the Queen's Rangers. Today, the Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps) of Toronto, Canada, traces its lineage to the Queen's Rangers.