

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic
Pennsylvania Department Encampment
June 27th-30, 2024

Tour of Historic Valley Forge Thursday June 27th

- Bus Departs Crown Plaza Hotel at **1:30pm** (Open to all brothers, sisters and family members)
- Bus Arrives Washington Chapel **1:45pm**
 - Tour Chapel, the Bell Tower, the Cemetery, Defender's Gate, and the Cabin Shop Cafe
- Leaves for Visitors Center at **2:15pm**
- Arrive at Valley Forge Visitors Center **2:30**
 - Explore the visitors center and meet our tour guide.
- Leave Visitors Center for Guided Tour of the entire Valley Forge encampment perimeter from **3:00pm to 5:30pm**.
 - Tour to be conducted by Kenneth A. Gavin. Mr. Gavin is known locally for his many years' active involvement in groups such as the Grand Army of the Republic Museum, the 28th Pennsylvania Historical Association, and Colonel Ogden's 1st New Jersey Regiment of the Continental Line. He is currently the Vice-President and Trustee of the Princeton Battlefield Society and is also Vice President of Spencer's Additional Regiment of the Continental Line.
 - We will travel the entire perimeter of the encampment via bus with planned stops to get off at the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts, Washington's Headquarters Complex at the Potts House, and the Grand Parade Overlook at the Von Steuben Statue. While traveling from stop to stop, a steady stream of substantive content will be provided. Additional stops while remaining on the bus are planned for the National Memorial Arch and the Hospital Hut.
 - The program will examine the complex and intricately connected set of military, political, social, and economic factors that led Washington to select Valley Forge as the location for the main Continental Army's winter encampment in 1777-1778. It will also illustrate the various impacts of the army's presence in that location, weather conditions, logistical issues, hardships suffered by the army, and the story of the park's development as an historic site.

The cost is \$30.00 and includes the bus, guided tour, light snacks, and soft drinks on the bus.

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