

Outwater's Militia Presents:

The School of Militia 2025

Saturday Sept 6



The 250th is Here!

Militia units will be at the forefront of Revolutionary War re-enactments over the next few years. For those involved as militia, it is time to upgrade your impression and be ready to comply with the new standards for participation in 250th anniversary events. For those wanting to portray militia, get practical advice to accurately represent these civilian soldiers—Militia are not simply dressed down Continentals. If you are just interested in history and want to learn about these unsung heroes of the Revolution, learn about their worldview, their culture and why they took up arms against the world's most powerful nation!

Outwater's Militia



Outwater's Militia was created in 1979 and modeled after Captain John Outwater's Company of Bergen County Militia. Since that time, the recreated unit has spent considerable time in researching how these men appeared, their lives and culture. The unit has been at hundreds of Revolutionary War re-enactments, up and down the east coast, over the years and prides itself with this experience and accurate portrayal of the common soldier of the American Revolution. Outwater's has the reputation of being one of the premier militia units in the hobby. It has much to offer in its School of Militia program.



What you will learn at the School of the Militia

Participants will learn about the new requirement trends for attending many 250th anniversary re-enactments. Violate these, and you may be asked to leave! There will also be a presentation of how the militia should be used at re-enactments to accurately portray the true role of these men. Guest speaker, Julie Power, an expert in 18th century food and farming, will instruct on the type of food militia were likely to have and the need to farm during their service. Shop licenses will be examined to identify common, everyday items held by the common man of the time. Finally, there will be a discussion of the realities of life in the 18th century and how they impacted the world view of the average 18th century citizen (What were they *thinking!*)---- and much more!

Registration and Attendance!

The School of the Militia will be held at the historic Red Mill Museum, 56 Main Street, in Clinton, New Jersey, on Saturday, September 6, starting at 9:00 am. Registration is as follows:

Register before August 22: Attendance is Free¹

Register after August 22 or at the door: there will be a \$20 attendance fee.

To register, please provide your name and email address to Bob Shanahan at esqbob@comcast.net.

Seating is limited and will be issued on a first come, first served, basis.

If you are a re-enactor, proper whig attire with musket is requested.

Further information can be obtained from Mr. Shanahan. 908 963-3298.

¹ A free will donation will be requested to defray the cost of food and drink.