

# Federal Hall

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

National Memorial  
New York



## Evacuation Day Commemoration

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On November 25, 1783 the British military officially withdrew from New York City ending its occupation by British forces and marking the cessation of hostilities between Great Britain and its former colonies.

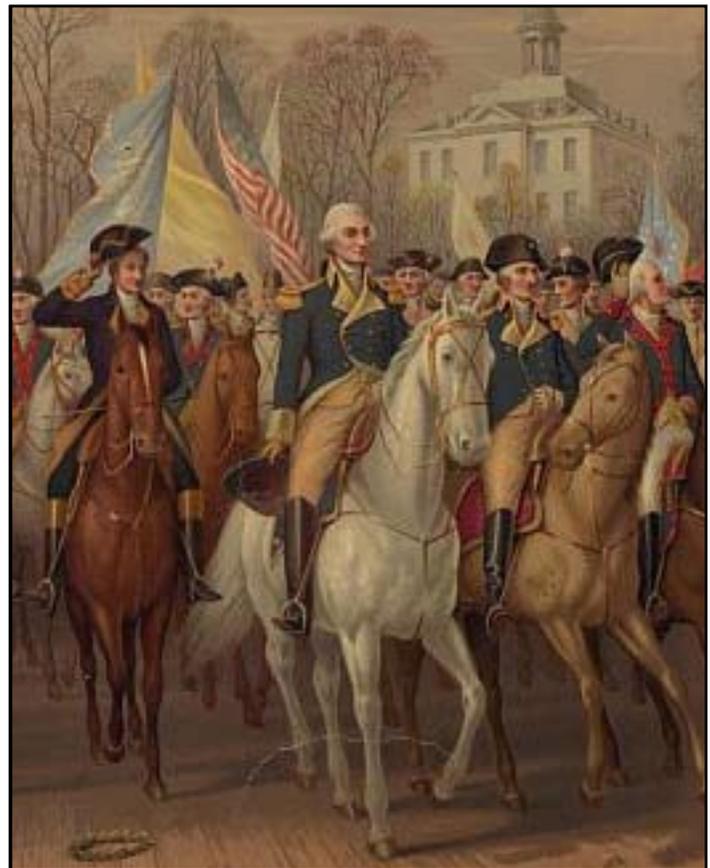
After the Revolutionary War, Evacuation Day was celebrated with military parades, patriotic oratories, fireworks and banquets. The centennial of the day was one of the greatest events ever seen in New York City. Statues were unveiled in honor of the event in 1883. One was that of George Washington in front of Federal Hall National Memorial on Wall Street, the site of the first capitol of the United States of America.

This year, the National Park Service (NPS) will mark the 225th Anniversary of Evacuation Day with a day of special programming at Federal Hall. The commemoration will examine the military, social and cultural impacts on all groups affected by the end of the Revolution – patriots, loyalists, foreign military, Native Americans and African Americans. Collections from the National Archives and private collectors will be on display.

More than 60 costumed re-enactors from across the Northeast will join NPS and dignitaries in a ceremony honoring the transfer of authority from Britain to the Continental government.

Commemorative wreathes will be presented at the graves of soldiers of the American Revolution in nearby Trinity Churchyard. Trinity Church, in conjunction with the wreath laying, plans a special service in commemoration of Evacuation Day. Admission to all events is free of charge.

*A full programming schedule may be found on the back.*



### Plan Your Visit

Federal Hall National Memorial is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Ranger-guided tours are offered at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

There are numerous ways to get to Federal Hall using public transportation. Please visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for more information and maps.

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## Full Program Schedule — Times are approximate

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Remarks  
Welcome by Commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor\  
Keynote address by historian and author Barnet Schecter
- 10:30 a.m. Special Oration by General George Washington
- 11:00 a.m. Barnet Schecter presentation on *New York and the American Revolution* followed by booksigning
- noon Ceremonies at Trinity Church  
Service by Trinity clergy  
12:45 — wreath laying at graves of Alexander Hamilton and Francis Lewis and at  
Order of Cincinnati Plaque
- 1:30 p.m. People of the Brigade presentation
- 2:00 p.m. Change of Command Ceremony (flag lowering and raising concurrently)  
Exchange of keys to city hall  
Final oration by General George Washington
- 4:00 p.m. Programming ends

### Periodic Programs

- Fife and Drum music
- Interpretation of British Headquarters map by Dr. Eric Sanderson
- Period Music by Linda Russell

### Ongoing Activities

- Children's games — lower level
- Veterans' Legacy — main level — National Archives gallery
- People of the Revolution Interpretation — main level
  - Benjamin Franklin
  - Continental Army and American militia
  - George Washington and Staff
  - Engineers
  - Postal Service
  - Medical personnel
  - Africans and African Americans
  - Native Americans
  - Women
  - Foreign Allies
  - British Forces
    - General Carlton and staff
    - Regulars
  - Loyalists and German Auxillary

### Participants

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| National Park Service -- Federal Hall, African Burial Ground,<br>Minuteman (Boston) | New York State Parks — New Winston Cantonment      |
| National Archives and Records Administration  | Fraunces Tavern Museum                             |
| Oneida Indian Nation  | Old Stone House                                    |
| Brigade of the American Revolution  | Van Cortland House Museum                          |
| Dr. Eric Sanderson  | Trinity Church                                     |
| Barnet Schecter   | Eastern National                                   |
|   | VA New York Harbor Health Care System Day Hospital |