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Celebrate Liberty in New Jersey at the Exhibition: *Bringing the War of Independence to Life* Opening Reception 5-7 pm, July 3, 2014

Morristown, NJ -- Between June 23 and August 26, 2014, Morristown National Historical Park will celebrate New Jersey's 350th anniversary "Liberty" theme by hosting the exhibition, *Bringing the War of Independence to Life: 19th Century Illustrations of the American Revolution*. The exhibit will be in the park's Washington's Headquarters Museum, 30 Washington Place, Morristown, New Jersey. Entrance to the exhibition is included in the museum's \$4 admission fee.

Bringing the War of Independence to Life is the result of a partnership with the Schuylkill River Heritage Area and the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, as well as Valley Forge National Historical Park. The show features 42 illustrations of the Revolutionary War by 16 different artists whose work originally appeared in 19th-century publications. All of the works are culled from the personal collection of Schuylkill River Heritage Area Executive Director Kurt Zwinkl.

"We are pleased to be able to tell the story of the war through these fascinating illustrations, and through a partnership that allows us to emphasize the Revolutionary War connections between two national parks in Valley Forge and Morristown, and between two National Heritage Areas: the Schuylkill River Heritage Area and Crossroads of the American Revolution," said Zwinkl.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held in the Washington's Headquarters Museum from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, July 3, 2014. The exhibition booklet will be for sale at the reception and Kurt Zwinkl will be available to sign copies. The public is welcome to the reception.

Bringing the War of Independence to Life was at Valley Forge from February to April 2014. Partnering between two national parks and two National Heritage Areas enabled the exhibit to reach a wider audience. It also provided a means to tell the broader story of the American Revolution throughout the region and the State of New Jersey.

The exhibition and New Jersey's 350th anniversary are being celebrated in conjunction with Morris County, New Jersey's July 4th festivities, *Revolutionary Times*. For more information on *Revolutionary Times*, please visit <http://www.morristourism.org/>.

A sampling of images from the exhibit can be previewed at the Flickr page:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/73720260@N08/sets/72157641573500734/> .

For a complete listing of Morristown National Historical Park's calendar of events, visit
<http://www.nps.gov/morr/index.htm> .

Established by Congress in 2006, the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area's over-arching mission is to foster the conservation, preservation and interpretation of New Jersey's Revolutionary-era sites and landscapes. Learn more about the Crossroads at
<http://www.revolutionarynj.org/> .

The Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area uses conservation, education, recreation, historic and cultural preservation and tourism as tools for community revitalization and economic development. For information on the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, please visit
<http://www.schuylkillriver.org/default.aspx> .

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Photo caption: Kurt Zwikl, Executive Director of the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, with a print from the exhibition *Bringing the War of Independence to Life: 19th Century Illustrations of the American Revolution*.