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**NEWS RELEASE** *for Immediate Release*

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**April 6, 2026, 10 a.m.**

**Rebels & Redcoats: A Southern Maryland Revolutionary War Event Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and St. George Island**

*Join us for family fun, period activities, live music, vendors, and more!*

**LEONARDTOWN, MD** – St. Mary's County Government's Museum Division, in coordination with the Southern Maryland 250<sup>th</sup> Committee, Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Visit St. Mary's MD, Maryland Public Television, and numerous Southern Maryland civic organizations, is proud to present ***Rebels & Redcoats: A Southern Maryland Revolutionary War Family Event***, taking place this **Saturday and Sunday, April 11–12, 2026**, from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** each day at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum & Historic Park and St. George Island.

Rebels & Redcoats is a **free, family-friendly event** commemorating the American War for Independence as it unfolded in St. Mary's County and across Southern Maryland. The event will be held near the site of the Battle of St. George Island—the only Revolutionary War battle to occur in Maryland—and is part of the broader celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026.

Exhibits and displays from organizations highlighting local 18th-century history will be featured, along with musket and cannon fire demonstrations, food trucks, educational and period programming, children's and family activities, reenactors, a period encampment, military demonstrations, live-fire drills, boat cruises, and more for all ages.

Visitors can experience life in camp for Maryland's Revolutionary War soldiers and militiamen as the nation begins its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration. Explore encampments, learn what soldiers wore and carried, join a militia rifle drill, and enjoy military music and other period activities.

**Event parking** will be off-site at Piney Point Elementary School, with **free shuttles** transporting visitors to Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and St. George Island from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

**To mark the final year of this event**, a special, **ticketed Tavern Night** will be held **Saturday evening**. Step back into an 18th-century tavern and raise a glass to revolution. Rebels & Redcoats Tavern Night offers an immersive evening of music, merriment, and mischief as we celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday the way our founders would have—at the tavern. Tickets and information are available at: <https://TavernNightSOMD250.eventbrite.com>.

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For more information, please call Piney Point Lighthouse Museum at (301) 994-1471 or visit [www.Facebook.com/1836Light](http://www.Facebook.com/1836Light).

This event is part of the Southern Maryland Semiquincentennial, Maryland's 250<sup>th</sup> and America 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations, commemorating Southern Maryland's contributions to our nation's founding. Event made possible by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, St. Mary's County Museum Division, Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Maryland Public Television, Visit St. Mary's MD, Southern Maryland Semi Quincentennial Committee, and other area civic organizations.

**About the St. Mary's County Museum Division**

The St. Mary's County Museum Division was established by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to collect, preserve, research, and interpret the historic sites and artifacts which illustrate the natural and cultural histories of St. Mary's County and the Potomac River. These sites include St. Clement's Island Museum, Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, the Old Jail Museum, and the Drayden African American Schoolhouse. With this as its charter, the Museum Division serves as a resource, liaison, and community advocate for all St. Mary's County public and private cultural assets. For more information, please visit: [museums.stmarysmd.com](http://museums.stmarysmd.com).

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