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Lecture on Free Black Soldiers in the Continental Army, October 24



Revolutionary Blacks

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Frank Brothers,
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Independence
Shirley L. Green



Dr. Shirley L. Green joins Washington Memorial Heritage on Thursday evening, October 24, at Washington Memorial Chapel to discuss *Revolutionary Blacks: Discovering the Frank Brothers, Freeborn Men of Color, Soldiers of Independence*. Dr. Green is Director of the Toledo Police Museum and an Adjunct Instructor of History at both the University of Toledo

and Bowling Green State University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Toledo and her Ph.D. in History from Bowling Green State University.

The program will take place in the Chapel's Bishop White Library (lower level; entrance around the back). Doors open at 6:00; the talk will begin at 6:30. Admission is \$10, with all proceeds supporting future Forum programs. Please join us!

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If you enjoy the Park, if you marvel at the beauty of the landscape and appreciate the history that this oasis holds, establish a planned gift to help us carry on the story. The Valley Forge Park Alliance offers several planned giving opportunities which can be tailored to meet your specific financial and estate-planning needs. Planned gifts help donors tailor bequests and structure gifts of life insurance, appreciated securities, and other assets.

By including a gift in your will, you help continue the story of Valley Forge for future generations to hear. The Valley Forge Alliance is solely funded through annual gifts, memberships, and grants, so every contribution is important and much appreciated.

[Learn More About Making a Planned Gift to the Alliance](#)

Lecture on Military Departments, October 22



An army marches on its stomach. But what happens when they have no food, weapons, or clothing?

Join Valley Forge National Historical Park Ranger Russell Brindley as he talks about the Military Departments (military stores, commissary, clothier and quartermaster) during the Revolutionary War. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM

at the Spring City Library (245 Broad St, Spring City, PA).

Valley Forge Stories: William Rogers, Chaplain

William Rogers was born on a summer day in Newport, Rhode Island. An academically talented boy, at the age of only fourteen he entered the then named Rhode Island College (now Brown University). It is believed he enrolled prior to the first college president being installed and may have been the first and only student at the time. Following graduation in 1769, he was employed as a principal in a Newport academy, while completing a secondary degree in Divinity. In 1772 he became an ordained Baptist minister and relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he became pastor of the First Baptist Church.



With war looming on the horizon, the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1774. During that time, one of Rogers' parishioners began raising a militia, called the Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment. While not possible at the time to sign up, Rogers subsequently left his church at the end of 1775 and joined the regiment as their chaplain. Rogers would see action in Long Island and White Plains, New York, prior to involvement with the Pennsylvania State Battalion in New Jersey in late 1776 through 1777. Assigned to Patton's Additional Continental Regiment, he saw additional action at Brandywine and Germantown, prior to encamping at Valley Forge for the winter of 1777-1778.

[Learn More About Chaplain Rogers](#)

Covered Bridge Garden Club Bulb Sale Ends October 15

The Covered Bridge Garden Club, a longtime friend and supporter of the Alliance, is having their annual **Fall Bulb Sale** now through October 15. There is a wonderful selection of daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, allium, iris & more. What a great thing to look forward to over the winter! Only \$6.99 shipping/order, regardless of size!

Part of the proceeds of the Covered Bridge Garden Club's plant sales benefit the Valley Forge Park Alliance, so you will be doing good for the

An advertisement for a fundraiser. The top text reads "Fundraiser! Fall Flower Bulbs" in a large, elegant font. Below it, in smaller text, are "Tulips • Daffodils • Allium • Mixes • More!". The central image shows a young girl with long brown hair, wearing a pink shirt, looking down at a basket of colorful tulips. To her left is a laptop displaying a website with various flower bulb options. At the bottom, the text says "Order Flower Bulbs & Support Our Cause!" and "Online Orders Delivered Directly To Your Door!". A circular logo in the bottom right corner says "GUARANTEE GROW GUARANTEE".

park even as you beautify your yard.

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Planning to Visit the Park? Check Out the Embassy Suites Valley Forge



Located in the scenic heart of King of Prussia, [Embassy Suites Valley Forge](#) offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience for business & leisure travelers. Nestled near historic attractions like Valley Forge National Historical Park and King of Prussia Mall, the hotel provides easy access to top destinations while offering a relaxing retreat.

Guests can start their day with a complimentary **made-to-order breakfast**, a signature perk of Embassy Suites, featuring a variety of options from freshly prepared omelets to classic breakfast favorites. Whether you're fueling up for a day of exploring or preparing for a business meeting, the breakfast ensures you start the day right.

In the evening, unwind at the **Cool River Bar & Grill**, where you can enjoy a selection of locally inspired dishes, classic American fare, and handcrafted cocktails. The vibrant, casual atmosphere makes it the perfect spot to relax with colleagues after a conference or enjoy a meal with family and friends. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the chef's seasonal specials or the bar's signature drinks.

With spacious two-room suites, a fitness center, and event spaces for business or social gatherings, [Embassy Suites Valley Forge](#) is more than just a place to stay—it's a destination where comfort meets convenience, making every guest feel at

home. Whether you're visiting for business or leisure, you'll enjoy a warm and inviting experience with amenities designed to exceed your expectations.

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