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**Old Sturbridge Village Invites Visitors to Step Into the American Revolution
with Redcoats and Rebels**

*Celebrate America's 250th at One of New England's Largest Revolutionary War Encampments
with Hundreds of Reenactors, Military Battles, Fife and Drum Music,
Live Cannon Fire and More*

STURBRIDGE, Mass., July 27, 2026 — As the nation commemorates its 250th anniversary, Old Sturbridge Village will transform its peaceful, 200-acre landscape into one of New England's largest Revolutionary War encampments during [Redcoats and Rebels](#) on Saturday, Aug. 1, and Sunday, Aug. 2.

For one weekend, more than 500 reenactors portraying soldiers, artisans, musicians and civilian camp followers will fill the Village with marching troops, military drills, live cannon fire, fife and drum music, smoky campfires, and historic craft demonstrations. Together, they will recreate both the drama of battle and the everyday work required to keep an army fed, equipped and moving 250 years ago.

Nearly 40 Revolutionary War reenactment groups from across the region will participate this year. Unlike many military reenactments, Redcoats and Rebels invites guests to become part of the story rather than simply watch it unfold. Visitors can march alongside soldiers, help uncover spies, take part in scavenger hunts, and interact with historically dressed interpreters portraying military officers, farmers, tradespeople and families navigating the conflict.

"America's 250th anniversary is more than a milestone — it's an opportunity to better understand the people whose courage, sacrifice, and perseverance shaped our nation," said Jim Donahue, President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. "Redcoats and Rebels gives us all a chance to explore and experience their stories in a powerful, unforgettable way."

This year's Redcoats and Rebels is a highlight of Old Sturbridge Village's summer-long America 250 celebration, *Independence Forever*, which concludes Aug. 15 with live music, musket and

cannon demonstrations, food, and a grand fireworks finale to honor the spirit of independence and the shared history that united Americans 250 years ago.

Redcoats and Rebels is sponsored by Dexter-Russell, the nation's oldest and largest manufacturer of professional cutlery. The Village's yearlong America 250 programming has been made possible through the generous support of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, Country Bank, Southbridge Credit Union, The Overlook, and The Publick House.

Redcoats and Rebels will take place rain or shine. A full schedule of battles, demonstrations, and activities will be available at osv.org/redcoats prior to the event. *Due to its popularity, visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.*

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About Old Sturbridge Village

Old Sturbridge Village, first opened to the public in 1946, is New England's largest living history museum, celebrating life in early New England from 1790-1840. More than 200,000 visitors interact with costumed historians each year, experience up-close demonstrations of early American trades, and meet heritage breed farm animals. Situated on more than 200 scenic acres, the Village is a collection of more than 40 historic buildings - including homes, meetinghouses, trade shops, working farms, restaurants, shops, and 3 water-powered mills.

Located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike and Routes I-84 and 20 in Sturbridge, Mass., Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round, but days and hours vary seasonally. For details, visit www.osv.org.