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## Nathan Hale Homestead's Annual Colonial Encampment & Musical Muster

**Step back in time for a Revolutionary War battle as the Nathan Hale Fife & Drum Corps join other reenactment groups as they recreate the daily life of Revolutionary War soldiers**



**Coventry, CT** – Connecticut Landmarks' Nathan Hale Homestead will host the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Colonial Encampment and Musical Muster on Saturday and Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. The camp will open to the public on Saturday at 10 am with battle reenactments at 11 am and 3 pm. Camp cooking, tours of the first floor of the Homestead and activities and games for kids will be ongoing throughout the day.

On Sunday, re-enactors will demonstrate colonial and Revolutionary War military life with activities that include spinning, drilling, and cooking. In the afternoon, the Nathan Hale Fife and Drum Corp will present its annual Musical Muster highlighting several organizations performing traditional 18th-century music echoing the truly American and stirring sounds of fifes and drums. Admission on Saturday is \$5 for adults; kids and costumed re-enactors are free. Admission on

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Sunday from 10 am to Noon is \$5 and free for the Muster after 12 pm. Refreshments will also be for sale.

The Nathan Hale Homestead is located at 2299 South Street in Coventry, CT 06238. The Homestead is open for regular tours Memorial Day weekend (May 23) through October 31. May: Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm; June/August: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm; September/October: Saturday and Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. Open Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for students, teachers and seniors; \$4 for children age 6-18; children under 6 and CTL members are free. Families - 2 adults with children - are \$15; groups of 10 or more are \$5 each. For school groups and special curriculum-based programming, please call the Nathan Hale Homestead at (860) 742-6917.

The Hale Homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and as the birthplace of Connecticut's State Hero Nathan Hale. The house, built in 1776, belonged to Nathan Hale's parents and family, and is located on the only site he ever called home. Nathan was one of twelve children born to Richard and Elizabeth Hale.

Hale served as a Yale-educated school teacher and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Continental Army in 1775. A year later he volunteered to go behind British lines on Long Island to gather military intelligence desperately needed by General George Washington, but the British captured Hale and, when they discovered he was a spy, hanged him. He was 21. He is famous for his alleged last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

In 1776 Hale's father, Deacon Richard Hale, rebuilt the Homestead, which has changed little since. It's situated on 17 acres, adjoining the 1500-acre Nathan Hale State Forest. Its furnishings include several Hale family possessions and other collections amassed by pioneer Connecticut antiquarian George Dudley Seymour, who purchased the homestead in 1914 and began a program of restoration and furnishing that is largely preserved today.

### **About Connecticut Landmarks**

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