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Artillery Day at the Peter Wentz Farmstead
Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 10:00am-4:00pm

Worcester, PA (June 2, 2014) – Things that go BOOM! Experience two types of artillery from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras at the Peter Wentz Farmstead on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 10:00am-4:00pm. View it all first-hand to learn how the two wars affected Montgomery County and its residents.

Reenactors from *Doughty's Artillery Company* (1775) and *Rickett's Battery F, 1st PA Light Artillery* (1861) will showcase different types of artillery during firings of the cannons throughout the day. They will also demonstrate typical camp life with proper equipment, cooking tools, and uniforms common during each war. After the Battle of Trenton in December of 1776, *Doughty's Company* was formed and fought in virtually every major battle of the era. During this program the reenactors will use a cannon that shoots 4-pound balls. The cannon's smaller size made it easier to transport from battle to battle.

Rickett's Battery was formed in Philadelphia in 1861 and fought in many of the battles of the era throughout northern Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The reenactors of this unit will use a 10-pound Parrott, a common type of cannon used by the Union and Confederate forces during the Civil War.

For more information about this program and others, please call Kimberly D. Boice, Museum Educator at the Peter Wentz Farmstead, at 610-584-5104, or email her at kboice@montcopa.org. Visit the Peter Wentz Farmstead online at www.montcopa.org/peterwentzfarmstead. The restored 18th century Pennsylvania German historic site is owned and operated by the County of Montgomery and receives support from the Peter Wentz Farmstead Society. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with guided tours every forty-five minutes. The Peter Wentz Farmstead is located at 2030 Shearer Road in Lansdale (Worcester Township), PA.



Members of *Doughty's Artillery Company* & *Rickett's Battery F, 1st PA Light Artillery*, respectively, demonstrating the power of their cannons. Images courtesy of the participating units.