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ACHMGS invites all to Civil War Living History weekend

Event to take place May 15-16 at Kittanning Borough site

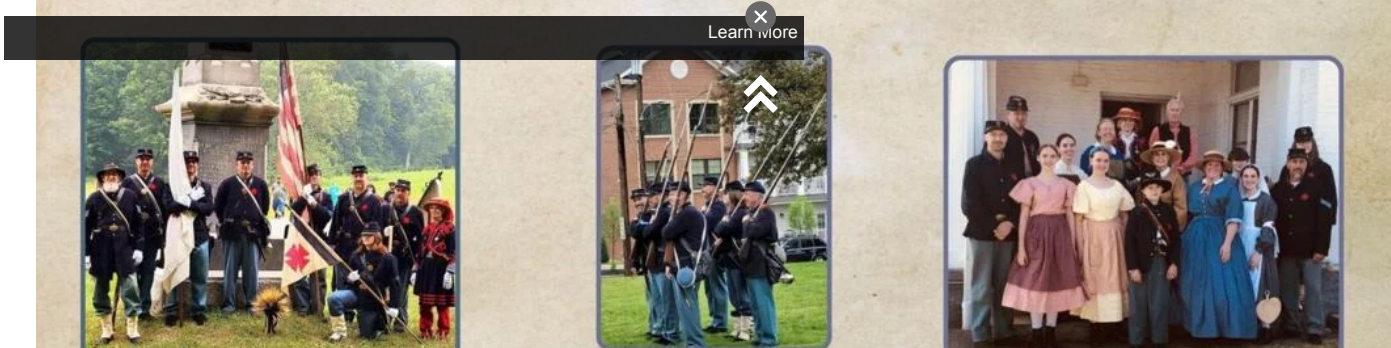
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Armstrong County Historical Society Civil War Weekend

May 15th - 16th 300 N. McKean St. Kittanning
62nd PA Volunteer Infantry
Living History Encampment

Experience history come to life as told by the
62nd PA Volunteer Infantry Living History Family



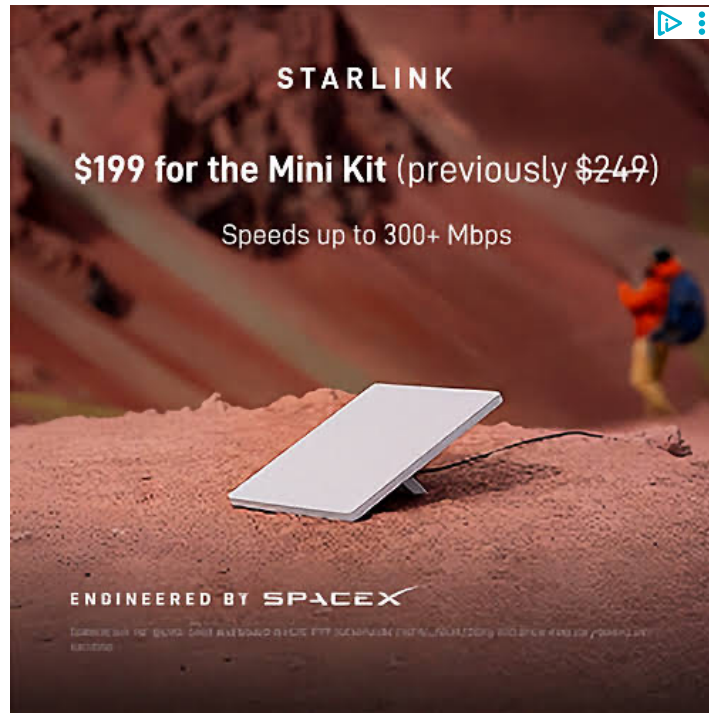
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To start the weekend, at 6 p.m. May 15 the 62nd PVI Living History Family will present Blood, Courage, and the Maltese Cross – Personal Stories of the 62nd PA Volunteer Infantry in the Armstrong County Historical Society Jim & Ann Oakes Carriage House, which is adjacent to the ACHS Museum.

During the Civil War, the 62nd PVI served in the Union Army of the Potomac's 5th Corps, with a red Maltese Cross as their Corps emblem fastened to their uniforms.



Join ACHMGS to hear true stories of how the soldiers from Armstrong County in the 62nd PA Vol. Inf. experienced the war, the effect it had on their families at home, the soldiers who survived to return home, and the ones who sadly never came back.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16th there will be a Living History Encampment by the 62nd PVI LHF with camp life, cooking, nursing, soldier drill and interaction with living historians.

Plus historical games for children and live dulcimer music in the afternoon.

Experience history as it comes to life.

May 16 Speaker Series:

In addition, there will be a speaker series on May 16th in the Jim & Ann Oakes Carriage House on the ACHS campus as follows.

- 11 a.m. Private Gavin Zimmerman of the 62nd PA Living History Family presenting on Men From Armstrong County at Gettysburg
- 1 p.m. Historian Bill Peck presenting on Soldiers Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania, focusing on the Dayton, PA Civil War Orphans School in Armstrong County
- 2 p.m. Historian Bill May presenting on The History of McConnell's Mills -The story of the Civil War Captain and the freed slave who together created the legacy that is now McConnell's Mills.

Note that seating is limited in the Carriage House.

This event is free and open to the public.



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The Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society will also be open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16.

Parking is available on Vine and McKean streets.

Those with questions and seeking more information are asked to reach out to the ACHMGS at 724-548-5707.

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