

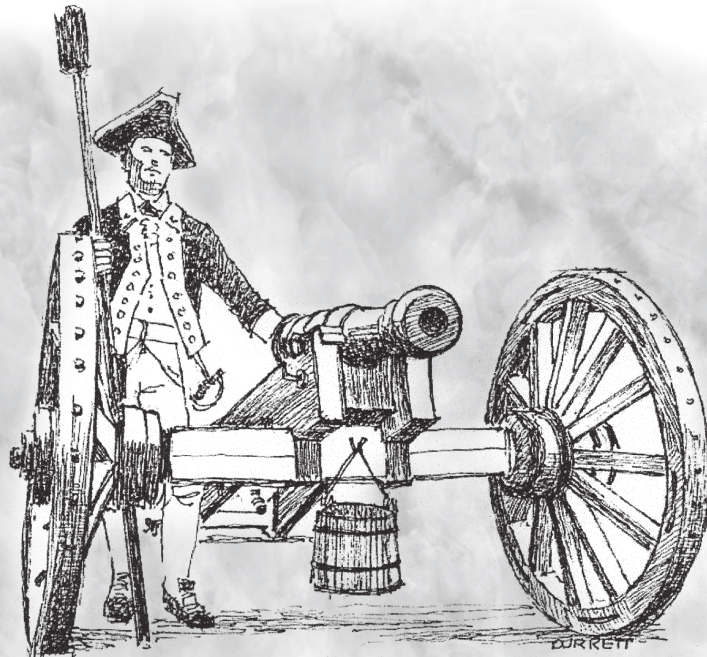
Georgia Society *Sons of the American Revolution*
Altamaha & Marshes of Glynn Chapters

❖ **Summary of the History of Fort Morris** ❖

When the Continental Congress convened in 1776, the delegates recognized the importance of a fort to protect their growing seaports from the British. Soon afterwards, a low bluff on the Medway River at Sunbury was fortified and garrisoned by 200 Patriots. When British Lt. Col. L.V. Fuser demanded the fort's surrender on November 25, 1778, the defiant Lt. Col. John McIntosh, Commander of the Continental Troops replied, "We, sir, are fighting the battle of America...as to surrendering the fort, receive this laconic reply--Come and Take It!"

The British refused and withdrew back to

Florida. Forty-five days later, they returned with a superior force, and on January 9, 1779, Fort Morris fell after a short but heavy bombardment. Under the name of Fort Defiance, this bulwark was once again used against the British during the War of 1812. Today, visitors can stand within Georgia's only Revolutionary Historic Site with earthwork remains and view scenic Saint Catherines Sound. Nearby are the historic Church and Cemetery at Midway and the location of the colonial and Revolutionary War port of Sunbury where the Georgia Navy Galleys were based.



Designed by Ed Fluker, Ocmulgee Chapter, SAR

Welcome you to the
228th Anniversary Celebration
of the
British Demand to
Surrender Fort Morris

To which the
Patriots defiantly
replied, "Come
and Take It!"



Wreath Presentation Ceremony
Saturday, November 18, 2006 • 11:00 a.m.
Fort Morris State Historic Site
Midway, Liberty County, Georgia



WelcomeArthur Edgar, Fort Morris Historic Site Manager
William F. Ramsaur, Marshes of Glynn SAR

Invocation 1Lt. Eric Dean, Battalion Chaplain, Fort Stewart

Presentation of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard
Paul Prescott, Commander
Wayne County High School Air Force JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance..... David B. Dukes, Sr., SE Region VP

Greetings:

National Society SAR Col. George E. Thurmond, Executive Committee

National Society DAR Susan D. Lemesis, Vice-Chair Commemorative Events

Georgia Society SAR George H. Wheelless II, President

Musical Selections Jaime Keena and Sons of Liberty

Wreath Presentations See Listing of Presenters

Musket Salute.....Col. Elijah Clarke Militia
Charlie Newcomer, Commander
2nd Company Georgia Artillery

Taps.....Kevin Morris, Wayne County High School

Retirement of Colors Georgia Society SAR Color Guard

Benediction 1Lt. Eric Dean, Battalion Chaplain, Fort Stewart

Closing Remarks



❧ **Presentation of Wreaths** ❧

Honoring Fort Morris Defenders and Liberty County Patriots

- United States Army, 3rd Infantry Division ("Rock of the Marne") – Chaplain 1Lt. Eric Dean – Fort Stewart, Georgia
- Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution – George H. Wheelless II, President -- Carrollton, Georgia
- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution – Susan D. Lemesis, National Vice Chairman SE Division Commemorative Events – Alpharetta, Georgia
- Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution David H. Ramseur – Jacksonville, Florida
- Katherine Livingston Chapter National Society DAR – Marjorie Ramseur – Jacksonville, Florida
- Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter National Society DAR – Sara L. Thurmond, Schools Chairman – Alpharetta, Georgia
- Elijah Clarke Chapter National Society DAR – Beth Collins – Athens, Georgia
- Fort Frederica Chapter National Society DAR – Mary Grace Whittle, Regent – St. Simons Island, Georgia
- Nathaniel Macon Chapter National Society DAR – Ruby Nell Durden – Macon, Georgia
- Colonel John McIntosh Chapter National Society DAR – Dianne A. Passmore, Regent – Conyers, Georgia
- Oglethorpe Chapter National Society DAR – Mary Jane Galer, Past Regent – Columbus, Georgia
- St. Andrews Chapter National Society DAR – Ann U. Howard, Regent – Darien, Georgia
- Tomochichi Chapter National Society DAR – Lynne Ramsaur – Clarkesville, Georgia
- George Walton Chapter National Society DAR – Sandra Rodgers – Columbus, Georgia
- St. Simons Island Colonial Dames XVIIC – Julie Spivey, President – St. Simons Island, Georgia
- Altamaha Chapter Georgia Society SAR – David B. Dukes, Sr., President -- Jesup, Georgia
- Athens Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Charlie Newcomer – Athens, Georgia
- Coweta Falls Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Hugh Rodgers, Past President -- Columbus, Georgia
- Button Gwinnett Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Walker Chewning, President – Lawrenceville, Georgia
- Joseph Habersham Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Richard Ramsaur, President -- Clarkesville, Georgia
- Marquis de Lafayette Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Mike Tomme, President – McDonough, Georgia
- Marquis de Lafayette Chapter, Ladies Auxiliary – Cilla Leed-Tomme – McDonough, Georgia
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Brent Taylor, Vice-President – St. Simons Island, Georgia
- Ocmulgee Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Andrew Capps Durden, Historian – Macon, Georgia
- Piedmont Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Robert Sapp, Past President -- Marietta, Georgia
- Pulaski Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Rhett Williamson – Carrollton, Georgia
- Edward Telfair Chapter Georgia Society SAR – Lewis Strickland, Chaplain – Savannah, Georgia

