

# 250 troops will invade Burl. City tomorrow

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BURLINGTON CITY — The city's riverfront promenade will be invaded this weekend by armored vehicles, a trove of weapons and enough actors playing soldiers to, well, just about start a small army.

About 250 war re-enactors from as far away as Virginia and Connecticut will begin setting up a military encampment tomorrow night along the Delaware River at the end of High Street, said Matthew Carroll, a city resident and one of the organizers of the event.

"When we first started talking about this (in June), we weren't sure what it would be," said Carroll. "This went from a small show with five or six people to a pretty major event."

The event is free to the public. It will feature re-enactors dressed as soldiers involved in every American military action from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. The actors also will portray soldiers from both sides of each battle, such as German soldiers from World War II, British soldiers from the Revolutionary war and Confederate and Union soldiers from the Civil War.

Many of the re-enactors will camp for two days and two nights alongside campfires, weapons displays and military vehicles such as armored trucks and an Air Force jet, Carroll said.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. It includes speeches from war veterans, military drill and weapons demonstrations, and performances from actors playing historical figures such as Molly Pitcher and Gen. Robert E. Lee.