

Burl. City becomes military stronghold over the weekend

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BURLINGTON CITY — Burlington City will be transformed into a war camp this weekend, as re-enactment groups descend on the town and pitch tents along the Delaware River.

If You Go

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

Where: Riverfront Promenade, Burlington City

Cost: \$2 for adults and \$1 for children

For more information: Visit www.historicsoldiersweekend.com

This Saturday and Sunday is Historic Soldiers Weekend, when re-enactors from every American conflict will camp out along the

Riverfront Promenade.

Last year, the event featured about 150 re-enactors who entertained 4,000 visitors, said organizer Matt Carroll. This year, Carroll said there will be more than double the number of re-enactors, plus more displays, events and guest speakers.

Burl. City hosting military re-enactments this weekend

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The event kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday, when the re-enactors will march from Daniel Keegan Center on Wood Street to the foot of High Street. For the parade, the re-enactors will be joined by real soldiers from the war in Iraq and local National Guardsmen from Burlington City.

"It should be something to see," Carroll said.

The re-enactors will set up camp along the riverfront, from High Street to Oneida Boat Club. They will be arranged chronologically, starting with English settlers.

"The way it is set up, you are flowing through history,"

Carroll said.

Units from the French and Indian War, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam will be represented.

Civilian re-enactors will include a group of women who portray the home front in World War II. Boy Scouts will camp out in a 1960s display, complete with old-fashioned uniforms.

Carroll said visitors will be able to walk up to the camps and interact with the soldiers.

Guest speakers include Bill Guarnere, a World War II veteran portrayed in the cable miniseries "Band of Brothers," and Gottfried Dulias, a Ger-

man fighter pilot who was captured by the Russians in World War II.

For a full list of speakers and events, visit the Web site www.historicsoldiersweekend.com.

The event will take place rain or shine from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Adults can get a \$1 discount if they use the River Line that day.

All proceeds will go to Main Street Burlington, a revitalization program which promotes historic and economic redevelopment of the city's business district.