

Burlington event to salute soldiers

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BURLINGTON CITY — This weekend, Revolutionary War soldiers will march down High Street side by side with World War II veterans.

The third annual Historic Soldiers Weekend comes to Burlington City Saturday and Sunday, when hundreds of war re-enactors will set up camp along the riverfront.

Organizer Matt Carroll said 350 re-enactors are scheduled to participate, about 50 more than last year.

"We're just about at capacity," Carroll said. "It's a good thing though."

The re-enactors will be arranged chronologically, starting in the 1700s and continuing until present day.

Other re-

enactors will represent the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the United States Cavalry, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

All the re-enactors will gather for a march along High Street at noon Saturday.

Carroll said a group from the Battleship New Jersey and National Guard soldiers, recently returned from the Persian Gulf, also will attend. The Air Victory Museum, Lumberton, will bring a nose section of a jet, where children can climb into the cockpit.

This year, the event will have a new attraction, a Bud Abbott and Lou Costello act. Two men will portray the comic duo and perform every two hours, Carroll said.

The event also will feature Tom Kindre, a World War II veteran and author of "The Boys of New Jersey."



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Re-enactors portraying members of the U.S. Army's 78th Infantry Division go on a mock patrol during last year's Historic Soldiers Weekend along the Promenade in Burlington City.

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Historic Soldiers Weekend

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday

Where: Burlington City riverfront

Price: \$2 for adults; \$1 for children

More information: www.historicsoldiersweekend.com