



OVTA Mission Statement

The Overmountain Victory Trail Association will protect, preserve and interpret the route of the Overmountain Men to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

2021 March Final Detailed Schedule

Following is a day-by-day schedule of the reenactment including a short description of each day's walk, logistics and planned activities. Last minute changes to the schedule will likely occur so please be patient when that happens.

The OVTA is being called on to participate in many more community celebrations and school programming venues than in the past. As a result, much of the traditional road walking activities have been adjusted to meet those demands. With another year of covid, the march will be crazy with many changes. There will be a lot of short clip video recording along the trail each. So please be patient.

Trail walking information is a separate document and can be found on the OVTA website. The trail information is a work in progress and needs a lot of updating. Information for the updates is being collected.

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Friday, September 10

2:00 pm	SAR Grave marking	Tipton Haynes Historic Site	Johnson City, TN
	A special Grave Marking and Compatriot Commemoration – Capt. John Tipton: Patriot and special recognition of Compatriots Ronnie Lail and Chris Taylor.		
6:00 pm	TNSAR dinner	Food City Store Market	Johnson City, TN

Saturday, September 11

10:00 am	The Gathering	Sycamore Shoals	
12:00 pm	TSDAR will dedicate an America 250 Marker at the Watauga River Crossing of the Overmountain Men.		

Monday, September 13

8:30am Home Schoolers Bristol, TN

Sunday, September 19

2:00pm Broady gravesite
4:00pm Campbell gravesite

Address: Broady Cemetery, Saltville, VA

Directions: Take I-81 VA Exit 35, turn NORTH onto Hwy 107 going toward the Town of Chilhowie. Drive straight, north from Chilhowie to Saltville, on Hwy 197. Travel approximately 8 miles.

At the traffic light in Saltville (intersection Hwy 91 and Hwy 107), turn RIGHT onto Hwy 91 North. Go about a mile and turn LEFT onto Battleground Avenue. You will pass the Saltville Rescue Squad. At the dead-end of Battleground Avenue, proceed down the dirt lane, labeled Broady Cemetery.

Contact: Garrett Jackson, 276-274-8108

Address: Aspenvale Cemetery, 303 Seven Mile Ford Rd, Marion, VA

Directions: FROM BROADY CEMETERY:

Backtrack from Broad Cemetery...Hwy 91, LEFT at traffic light onto Hwy 107 South.

Turn left at traffic light (Food City will be on your right) at intersection of Hwy 107 and US Hwy 11/Lee Hwy Travel 2.3 miles through the Town of Chilhowie, and veer LEFT onto Seven Mile Ford Rd.

Travel approximately 1.2 a mile and turn LEFT onto gravel driveway

Aspenvale Cemetery is at the top of the hill on the right. Please park in the field on your right.

Or,

I-81, VA Exit 39, turn South on US 11, follow US 11 and Seven Mile Ford Rd to destination (303 Seven Mile Ford Rd, private home).

A sign points the way to a gravel path that goes up a steep hill and ends at a driveway of the private residence. Just short of the house, you can pull off into the grass.

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am-3:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms - **canceled** Muster Grounds Abingdon, VA
Wilkes Co has combined with Surry School programs (Eastern leg) Elkin Muster Field, NC

Wednesday, September 22

Abingdon Call to Arms - **canceled** Abingdon Muster Grounds Abingdon, VA
Wilkes Co School programs (Eastern leg)- **combined with Surry Co on September 21**

Thursday, September 23

Col William Campbell has been mustering his men to the Muster Grounds. Col Isaac Shelby and Col John Sevier have been mustering their man together to head to Fort Watauga.

Some of the 2021 Marchers are mustering into the Muster Grounds. The Abingdon Call to Arms has been canceled this year. There will be a public program this evening. A descendant of John Broady will be visiting Abingdon. Hope to have him talk to us.

The Eastern leg has a combined school program with Wilkes & Surry Counties at Wiles Heritage Museum.

7:30pm Abingdon Call to Arms - **canceled** Abingdon Muster Grounds Abingdon, VA
Rocky Mount School Day- **canceled** Rocky Mount State Historic Site
Wilkes Co School programs (Eastern leg) - **combined with Surry Co on September 21**
Night Before the Muster program Muster Grounds Abingdon, VA

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: on your own, rest rooms at Muster Grounds will be open

Camping: Sleep in your vehicle at Muster Grounds, set up your own tent or local motels.

Encamp: Muster Grounds

Address: Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA.

Directions to The Muster Ground, Take exit 14 off I-81. Turn right and travel pass McDonalds about 1/2 mile to Highway 11. Turn right onto Highway 11. Go approximately .75 miles to Colonial Road and turn right. There is a sign for the city of Abingdon at this intersection. Follow Colonial road about 1/3 mile. The Muster Ground is on the right.

Parking for the Muster Grounds: go pass Muster Grounds to first road to right (794, Stone Mill Rd), turn right and go to the first road (Hurt St) and turn right, parking is on left past the last house just before the street turns left.

GPS Coordinates: Lat 36°42'15.44"N Long 81°59'35.51"W

Contact: Garret Jackson 276-274-8108 Leigh Ann Hunter 276-608-1937

Address: Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street (NC 268), Wilkesboro, NC

Contact: R G Ashber 336-902-1760

Col Campbell leaves Muster Grounds

Col Shelby & Col Sevier's men heads toward Fort Watauga

Friday, September 24

Col William Campbell and his men leave the Muster Grounds. Col Shelby & Col Sevier's men head toward Fort Watauga

Col Campbell will address the Marchers at the Muster Grounds. Marchers will leave the Muster Grounds, follow trail to Pemberton Oak, then to Bluff City and Rocky Mount. Leave Rocky Mount to go to Roller Cemetery and back to Rocky Mount for evening program.

The Eastern leg has a public program at Elkin, NC.

8:30am	"Message from Col Campbell" Elizabethton City School Day - canceled Sullivan East Middle School Day - canceled No Choate's Ford River crossing	Muster Grounds Sycamore Sholes Sullivan East Middle Choate's Ford underwater
2:00pm	Martin Luther Roller gravesite	Roller Cemetery, Kingsport, TN
6:00pm-8:00pm	Elkin public program (Eastern leg)	Elkin Park, Elkin, NC
7:00pm	Rocky Mount Public Program	Rocky Mount State Historic Site

Walk the trail: Choates Ford Trail, Bluff City. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Daily Support: Breakfast & lunch on your own. Rocky Mount will provide evening meal at 6 pm. Showers, hot water, restrooms at Rocky Mount. Stores and gasoline nearby.

Camping: Rocky Mount Historic Site. Marchers may pitch a tent, sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot or find a local motel.

Encamp: Rocky Mount

Actual: Ft Womack

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 200 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN. Phone number (423) 538-7396.

Directions: Rocky Mount Historic Site is located on Hyder Road just off US 11E about 5 miles north of Johnson City, TN. There are several directional signs that lead you to the site. There is a large entrance sign on Highway 11E just before you turn onto Hyder Road. The park entrance is about 100 feet up Hyder Road from US 11E.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.40765 W 82.33778

Contact: Cody Boring 706-455-4302

Address: Roller Cemetery 386 Bridwell Heights Rd, Kingsport, TN

Directions: From Rocky Mount, left out of parking lot onto Hyder Rd, turn left at bottom of hill onto Hwy 11E toward Bristol, go 7.9 miles, take TN394 exit, turn left onto TN394, go 4.5 miles, turn left onto Hwy 126W, go 6.9 miles, turn left onto Fall Creek Rd, go .5 mi to Bridwell Heights Rd (first road on right), turn right go to top of hill, Cemetery on the right.

Address: Elkin Municipal Park, 399 North Carolina 268 W, Elkin, NC **Contact:** R G Ashber 336-902-1760

The Gathering

Saturday, September 25

Col's Campbell, Shelby, and Sevier and their men arrive at Fort Watauga
Marchers will leave Rocky Mount and go to Fort Watauga (Sycamore Shoals). At 1 pm Marchers will cross the Watauga River.

The Eastern Leg has a program in Wilkesboro, NC

10:00am-4:00pm	Fort Watauga muster	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
1:00pm - time change	Watauga River crossing	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
Following river crossing	Public program	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
10:00am-2:00pm	Wilkesboro public program (Eastern leg)	Wilkes Heritage Museum, Wilkesboro, NC
10:00am-4:00pm	Fort Defiance	Lenoir, NC
7:00pm	Lantern Tours- canceled	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park

Walk the trail: Rocky Mount trail. See Walk the Trail information on OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Sycamore Shoals trails (2 trails). See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper (about 4:30 pm) provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter and the John Carter Chapter of the DAR at picnic shelter. Showers and restrooms available in the museum basement. Laundry, gasoline, and a wide variety of stores including Wal-Mart are close by.

Camping: Sycamore Shoals, Sleep in vehicles or pitch a tent.

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Sycamore Shoals

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808

Directions The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west. From Rocky Mount, no easy way, follow GPS or someone else

GPS Coordinates: N 36.34337 W 82.25087

Contact: Chad Bogart or Park Staff (423) 543-5808

Address: Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street (NC 268), Wilkesboro, NC

Contact: R G Ashber 336-902-1760

Address: Fort Defiance, 1792 Fort Defiance Dr, Lenoir, NC

Contact: Becky Forester, (828) 758-1671

The March Begins

Sunday, September 26

The Overmountain Men leave Fort Watauga heading toward Shelter Rock/Resting Place looking for Major Patrick Fergusson

Hikers may hike the Yellow Mountain trail. Rev Doak will deliver our message (combined Muster Church service and Doak message).

Marchers: Anyone who wants to go to Bogart Bowman for public program may do so. Visit Washington Co Militia muster. Proceeded to Roan Mountain Community Park for evening meal. Then go to Roan Mountain State Park for evening public program. Might be possible to do displays and walk-through visits at Roan Mountain Community Park.

11:00am	Muster Church service/Rev Doak	Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
9:00am	Walk Yellow Mountain	Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park	
2:00pm	Bogart Bowman public program	Unicoi, TN	
3:00pm	Yellow Mountain van pick up		
6:00am	Roan Mountain State Park program	Roan Mountain, NC	

Yellow Mountain hike: Bob Hardin will be the guide. Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park. Carpool from Roan Mountain Community Park to Hampton Creek Cove Trailhead. Hike from the Hampton Creek Cove Wildlife Trail Head up and over Yellow Mountain (about a 2500 foot elevation climb). This is approximately 5 miles. Pickup will be provided.

Walk the trail: Roan Mountain Community Park trail (around the park area). See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Daily Support: Breakfast & lunch on your own. Evening meal at Roan Mountain Community Park at 4-4:30 pm.

Encamp: Roan Mountain Community Park **Actual:** Shelving Rock/Resting Grounds

Address: Roan Mountain Community Park, 146 Carter Street, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: South on Highway 19E from Elizabethton, off of Highway 321/19E, behind US Post Office

GPS Coordinates: 36.200176, -82.074684

Contact: Bob Hardin 423-612-0242

Yellow Mt van pickup Erik Anderson 423-297-7905

Address: Roan Mountain State Park, 1015 Hwy 143 Roan Mountain, TN

Directions: Right out of Community Park parking lot onto Hwy 143, follow road to park

Contact: Park 423-547-3900 or Steve Ricker 423-278-0439

Address: Bogart Bowman Cabin, 5012 Unicoi Dr, Unicoi, TN 37692

Contact: Steve Ricker 423-278-0439

Monday, September 27

The Overmountain Men cross Roan Mountain at Yellow Mountain Gap, drill and roll call, find two men are missing Col Cleveland and his men leave Wilkes Surry
Light day for marchers since school program has been canceled

Sibelco- no school program
Possible Evening program in Spruce Pine

Walk the trail: Birchfield and Yellow Mountain Trails (Hampton Cove), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Rose Creek Trail (Hefner Gap), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own, evening meal probably at Western Sizzlin in Spruce Pine at 6 pm

Camping: Apple Orchard, sleep in vehicles or pitch tent, some motels the area

Encamp: Apple Orchard **Actual:** Roaring Creek

Address: Apple Orchard at Altapass, 1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine, NC, 828-765-3437

Directions: From Roan Mountain Community Park, follow US 19E to NC 226, left turn onto NC 226 to the Mineral Museum is located some 5 miles south of Spruce Pine at the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway (mile 330.9, elevation 2,819) and highway 226. (about 13 miles from Sibelco). Then from the Mineral Museum turn onto the Blue Ridge Parkway, go north to the Apple Orchard on right

GPS Coordinates: N 35.87552 W 82.02476

Contact: Apple Orchard 828-765-9531

Tuesday, September 28

The Men continue along trail
Marchers will go to Robert Sevier's gravesite at Sibelco.

1:00pm Sevier gravesite at Sibelco
7:00pm Orchard at Altapass evening program and meal

Walk the Trail: Walk from Sibelco/Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier's gravesite. Very close to OVT trail.

Walk the trail: The Orchard Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website
Daily Support: Evening meal provided at Apple Orchard, breakfast and lunch on your own
Camping: Apple Orchard
Encamp: Orchard at Altapass **Actual:** Grassy Creek

Address: Sibelco School House Mine, 107 Harris Mining Co Road, Spruce Pine, NC
Directions: From Apple Orchard, turn left on Blue Ridge Parkway, go to NC226 (Mineral Museum), right on NC226 to Hwy 19E, turn right, go about 5 miles, Sibelco Mining on right

Wednesday, September 29

The Overmountain Men divide into two groups to follow the two trails (North Cove & Turkey Cove) off the mountain
Another light day with possible tour of Gillespie Gap north of Marion or trip to Fort Defiance

9:00am-3:00pm Caldwell School Field program (Eastern leg) Fort Defiance Lenoir, NC

Walk the trail: Trail #308 and Road #1238 (near North Cove), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website
Daily Support: Meals on your own
Camping: Carson House in vehicles, tents, or motels
Encamp: Carson House **Actual:** North Cove & Turkey Cove

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC
Directions: US 221 to Hwy 70W, 1.5 miles on right.
GPS Coordinates: N 35.69181 W 82.05784
Contact: Tom or David

Address: Fort Defiance, 1792 Fort Defiance Dr, Lenoir, NC
Contact: R G Absher 336-902-1760

Thursday, September. 30

The two groups join back together and camp at Quaker Meadows, Wilkes Surry Militia under Col Ben Cleveland join the Overmountain Men at Quaker Meadows
Marchers will assist with school day and public programming the evening

9:00am McDowell Co School Day Carson House, Marion, NC
6:00pm Marion evening program Carson House, Marion, NC

Walk the trail: Lake James Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website
Walk the trail: Paddy’s Creek Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website
Daily Support: Evening meal provided at Carson House, breakfast and lunch on your own
Camping: Carson House in vehicles, tents, or motels
Encamp: Carson House **Actual:** Quaker Meadows

Friday, October 1

The combine Militia head toward Gilbertown crossing the Catawba River, heavy rain begins, camp at Bedford Hills
Marchers will cross the Catawba River

1:00pm Catawba River crossing (actual date) City Soccer Complex picnic shelter close to Judges Restaurant
Morganton, NC

Walk the trail: Catawba River Greenway, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website
Daily Support: meals on your own

Encamp: Catawba Meadows, Morganton

Actual: Bedford Hills

Address: Catawba River Soccer Complex, 110 Greenlee Ford Rd, Morganton, NC

Directions: just past Judges Restaurant

Address: Catawba Meadows Park, 701 Sanford Dr, Morganton, NC

Saturday, October 2

Heavy rain continues, Overmountain Men remain in camp, officers elect Col Campbell as overall commander
Kings Mountain has invited Marchers to setup camp and talk to visitors

Hilltop Fest march & program- **canceled**

Rutherfordton, NC

Lantern tour at Kings Mountain- **canceled**

Kings Mountain National Military Park

Walk the trail: Kings Mountain National Military Park Trails, information in Visitor's Center

Daily Support: No Morganton Rev War Weekend activities, meals on your own

Camping: camp in Kings Mountain parking lot

Encamp: Kings Mountain NP

Actual: Bedford Hills

Address: Kings Mountain National Military Park, 2625 Park Rd, I-85 NC Exit 2, Blacksburg, SC. (864) 936-7921

Directions: I-85 northbound to Exit 2, right 4 miles to visitor's center

GPS Coordinates: N 35.14087 W 81.37625

Contact:

Sunday, October 3

Militia head toward Gilbertown

Option for Marchers to go to Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove program

Walnut Grove

Encamp: Scout Camp

Actual: Marlins Knob

Address: Walnut Grove Plantation, 1200 Otts Shoals Rd, Roebuck, SC

Monday, October 4

Arrive at Gilbertown, Ferguson is gone

9:00am-2:00pm

Rutherfordton Co School Day

Gilbertown

Walk the trail: Rutherfordton Trails, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast provided by DAR at Scout Cabin at 7 am

Encamp: Scout Camp

Actual: Gilbertown

Address: Gilbertown, no phone. House across from Gilbertown address is 1001 Rock Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gilbertown is located on Rock Road a little less than 2 miles north of highway 64 in Rutherfordton. There are several certification signs and a historic marker denoting the site.

GPS Coordinates: 35.596154°, -81.875344°

Contact: Chivous Bradley, cbradley@bellsouth.net, 828-289-5689

Address: Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC,

Rostan Cabin- turn left at dairy barn (1519), turn left

Belk Lodge- cross railroad tracks, turn left on first left (Eagle Pass)

Tuesday, October 5

The Militia head southwest and camp at Alexander's Ford on the Green River. They learn from scouts that Ferguson is marching toward Charlotte Town and the protection of Cornwallis's army.

Polk County School Programs
Gray's Chapel public evening program

Gray's Chapel/ Alexanders Ford
Gray's Chapel

Walk the trail: Alexander's Ford Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast at Pleasant Hill Church

Encamp: Grays Chapel **Actual:** Alexanders Ford

Address: Grays Chapel, 500 Grays Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Grays Chapel, Follow highway 108 south (west) from Rutherfordton. Turn left onto Simms/Sandpit road. When Simms/Sandpit Road crosses Pleasant Hill Road, its name changes to Grays Road. Follow Grays road south 2.6 miles to the inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.31420, W82.03846

Wednesday, October 6

The Militia head toward Cowpens and join with militia from South Carolina, Georgia and Lincoln Co., NC. At 9 pm militia of best 900 men leave in pouring rain and head toward Kings Mountain

9:00am-1:30pm Cherokee Co School Day

5:00pm The Night before Kings Mountain program Cowpens National Battlefield

Walk the trail: Lake Whelchel Trail (near Gaffney), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: Cowpens National Battlefield Trails, information in Visitor's Center

Encamp: Cowpens **Actual:** Cowpens

1000 children, 300-400 in Jolley, need 2 days, 12 15 min stations?

Address: Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy (Hwy 11), Gaffney, SC (864) 461-2828

Directions: Cowpens is located on highway 11 about 5 miles east of Chesnee, SC

GPS Coordinates: 35.136863°, -81.818496°

Contact: Ben Richardson, 864-490-0865

Thursday, October 7

Before 3 pm militia arrive at Kings Mountain and battle begins at 3 pm

11:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Walk to the monument atop King's Mountain for the Mourning of Arms ceremony to those who fell in the Battle.

2:15pm Meet at the Visitor's Center to prepare for March finale

3:00pm Walk into the amphitheater at Kings Mountain NMP for traditional ceremony.

Encamp: Home **Actual:** Kings Mountain

Address: Kings Mountain National Military Park, 2625 Park Rd, I-85 NC Exit 2, Blacksburg, SC. (864) 936-7921

Directions: I-85 northbound to Exit 2, right 4 miles to visitor's center

GPS Coordinates: N 35.14087 W 81.37625

Contact: Park 864-936-7921

Leatherwood program October 16

Hart Square Oct 23

Lead into Kings Mountain

May 12, 1780 – Charles Town falls to Lord Clinton. General Lincoln and over 5000 Continental troops captured

May 29, 1780 – Battle of the Waxhaws. Bloody Banistre Tarleton earns his nickname. "Tarleton's quarter" is born.

Aug 16, 1780 – Gates army defeated at Camden by Cornwallis. American forces suffered over 2000 casualties.

Aug 19, 1780 – Battle of Musgrove Mill. Shelby, Williams and Clark with 200-300 militia defeat 400-500 British

Sept 12, 1780 - Skirmish at Cane Creek, North Carolina – McDowell/Hampton vs. Ferguson

Sept 17, 1780 – McDowell has to retreat to the Watauga settlement

Sept 20, 1780 – North Carolina Governor retreats to Hillsborough

Sept ?, 1780 – Samuel Phillips arrives with a message from Ferguson to Shelby: **“If you do not desist your opposition to the British Arms, I shall march this army over the mountains, hang your leaders, and lay waste your country with fire and sword.”**

Sept ?, 1780 – Shelby visits Sevier. Plans are made.

Sept ?, 1780 – Shelby visits Campbell. Col. Campbell is reluctant since he is ordered to protect the Continental lead mines

Sept 22, 1780 – Messenger dispatched from Campbell to Cleveland to muster

Sept 24, 1780 – Cleveland receives message and calls out the militia

Sept 27, 1780 – Surry County Militia under Cleveland, Hampton and others depart for Quaker Meadows.

Post Kings Mountain

October 10, 1780 – Cornwallis notified of Ferguson’s destruction

October 12, 1780 – Cornwallis retreats from Charlotte Town

October 1780 – General Washington appoints General Green head of the (non-existent) Southern Army

October 13, 1780 — Thirty-six Tories were convicted, and nine were hung at Biggerstaff’s Old Fields

January 17, 1781 – Battle of Cowpens. Gen Morgan destroyed Tarleton’s army and almost captured him

February 14, 1781 – Crossing of the Dan, short rest allowed Greene to rest and resupply his army.

March 15, 1781 – Battle of Guildford Courthouse. General Greene is “defeated” by Cornwallis, but the victory destroys the effectiveness of Cornwallis’ army. One British statesman, Charles James Fox (1749-1806), said of this result: “Another such victory would ruin the British army.”

May 10, 1781 - Cornwallis and his army enter Virginia.

August 1, 1781 - Cornwallis occupies Yorktown, planning to use the port as his base for resupply as he continues his Virginia campaign. Even as he sets up camp, Lafayette's spies bring news of the plan. Lafayette relays word to Washington.

August 19, 1781 - The allied army, under Washington, secretly begins to move south.

September 14, 1781 - Washington and Rochambeau arrive in Williamsburg and prepare for the arrival of the army. According to one witness, "No man ever greeted his mistress with more joy than did Lafayette and Washington greet each other."

October 19, 1781 - General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships to General Washington

September 3, 1783 - The **Treaty of Paris** was signed by U.S. and British Representatives, ending the War of the American Revolution.