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Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park Commemorates the Battle of Sullivan's Island on June 29 with Special Programs at Fort Moultrie

SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SC – Join the National Park Service and the 2nd South Carolina Regiment in commemorating the 243rd anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan's Island on Saturday, June 29.

Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the American Revolution through the life of a soldier in South Carolina. Artillery demonstrations, presented by members of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, will take place at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. At 1:00 pm, children are welcome to join in a musket drill, which will be presented by Park volunteers and staff.

On June 28, 1776, nine British warships attacked the first fort on Sullivan's Island, which was commanded by Colonel William Moultrie. After a day-long battle, the heavily-damaged British ships were forced to retire. This early victory ensured that Charleston would remain free of British occupation for four years. The anniversary of that battle is commemorated every year in South Carolina as Carolina Day.

Fort Moultrie is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Park entrance fees will be waived on June 29. Visitors are encouraged to bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

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