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The Freedom Trail Foundation brings occupying force to Faneuil Hall Marketplace *British changing of the guard all summer!*

Boston – In the nine years leading up to American independence, the town of Boston was occupied by British soldiers. In the momentous year of 1776, newly-minted General Washington’s Massachusetts army with the help of the mighty cannon at Dorchester Heights, drove them out. The Revolution was on and the task of nation-building had begun. But what was it like for those Red Coats during their tours of duty far from home, in hostile territory, resented by their then fellow countrymen ? Find out this summer when you visit Faneuil Hall Marketplace! Watch the **Regulars Changing of the Guard** at the site of the original garrison! Listen as the military drummer accompanies soldiers to their posts, complete inspections, and march to their next post. Meet the soldiers and engage them in talk about their postings in Boston.

This NEW program, jointly offered by Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Freedom Trail Foundation, uses the troop of Freedom Trail Players, experienced 18th century costumed guides who re-enact what might have been daytime and nightly guard duty in a hostile environment. . Located at the corner of modern-day State Street and Faneuil Hall Marketplace, the British garrison was in use almost continuously through the lead-up to the Revolution with notable years of complete occupation of Boston town. The Boston Massacre began with a confrontation between Boston citizens and a garrison guard

“We’re thrilled to be offering this new historic program,” said Mimi La Camera, president of the Freedom Trail, “ in such a historic setting. The location of the British garrison is just steps off the Trail, but plays an important role in telling the whole story of the Revolution. ”

“Faneuil Hall Marketplace is adjacent to historic Faneuil Hall and seems the perfect setting for this new history re-enactment,” said Rebecca Stoddard, Faneuil Hall Marketplace. “This will give our visitors a fascinating and unique view of history during their time in Boston and while enjoying all that the Marketplace has to offer. Scheduled at convenient time during lunch and early afternoon, visitors and locals can take in some new history and take advantage of some of our new shops and restaurants. “

Changing of the Guard schedule is:

Twice daily on Saturday, Sunday and Mondays beginning May 14.

11:45 a.m. Redcoat in position
Noon – changing of the guard NW corner
12:20 – changing of the guard NE corner
12:40 – changing of the guard SE corner
1:00 – changing of the guard SW corner
1:00 -1:15 - greeting the crowd

Second Performance 1:45 p.m. - Redcoat in position

2:00 - changing of the guard NW corner
2:20 – changing of the guard NE corner
2:40 – changing of the guard SE corner
3:00 – changing of the guard SW corner
3:00 – 3:15 – greeting the crowd

Changing of the Guard may be cancelled due to very inclement weather.

Please call Faneuil Hall Marketplace for further information. 617.523.1300

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