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Students from local schools are taking in all that the AHEC Market at Washingtonburg has to offer today, the

first of the three-day event. For more information and a schedule of events visit

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Not sure what to expect? Watch this video (http://www.carlisle.army.mil/banner/mediagallery/bannerVideo.cfm?video=1_5.flv)

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Sept. 7, 2010 -- The Market at Washingtonburg recreates the life and times of 18th century Carlisle and the military post—then called

'Washingtonburg' – in a 3-day living history event at the Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC) in Carlisle, Pa., Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., each day.

The event is free, open to the public, with plenty of free parking to include handicapped parking, with dozens of food and craft vendors and the Market at Washingtonburg attracted more than 11,000 people in 2009. The newest building on the AHEC campus, the Visitors and Education Center, will be open for tours and book sales and history lectures.

Saturday's feature event will be the dedication of the M109 'Paladin' donated by BAE Systems. A dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. will highlight the role of the artillery in the 20th century, and the work accomplished by BAE Systems to restore it. READ MORE (<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/banner/article.cfm?cat=MilCommunityNews>) about the new M109 addition to the Army Heritage Trail.

Saturday and Sunday highlights include 18th century field and Revolutionary War tactics demonstrations,



and special presentations about the crafts that supported the Army and the people of Carlisle.

Examples of demonstrations include: the 18th century forge; French and Indian War field tactics, Revolutionary War field tactics. French and Indian War and Revolutionary War military units will portray the inhabitants of the post called "Washingtonburg."

It was well known that during the 18th century the Carlisle area had a strong military presence. While the military post flourished as well as the town around it, there was an even older culture living in

the area that is not quite as obvious. A century before, Carlisle had a strong Native American living in Penn's Woods before the settlement of Carlisle. As European culture expanded west, Native cultures were pushed west resulting in frontier conflict. These local Natives had their own unique traditions and customs. Hunting, weaving, and cooking are just some of the daily activities characteristic of Native American culture.

Turn the clock forward 250 years. Today there are artisans and craftsman recreating many of those traditional crafts that supported Native American culture before and during European contact. Some of these craftsmen will be demonstrating their talents at the Market at Washingtonburg event at the US Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Sept. 10-12, 2010.

Coming from Virginia, Tom Conde uses traditional techniques to demonstrate to visitors the painstaking process of Native American finger weaving. Having always loved history, particularly the Colonial period, Conde started re-creating the 18th century and eventually began practicing Native American period art forms. Besides being a living history interpreter, Conde takes immense pride in the materials he produces firsthand and in demonstrating to others the methods of a past culture.

Originally from Western Pennsylvania, Benjamin R. Delaney passionately re-creates the 18th century in a variety of ways. Foremost, Delaney interprets Native American culture and lifestyle as a living historian. Furthermore, Delaney reproduces early American accrements such as war clubs and tomahawks which he constructs using period techniques.

Tom Conde and Benjamin R. Delaney are two of the many living history interpreters on hand during USAHEC's Market at Washingtonburg event to answer questions and perform live demonstrations. The 18th century focused event is free, open to the public, and will run September 10 -12th, 2010 (Friday-Sunday) from 9:00am – 5:00pm each day. A variety of food and beverage

vendors will be available on site. There is ample parking, as well as handicapped parking if needed.

For additional information visit www.usahec.org
(<http://www.usahec.org/>) or call 717-245-3641.

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