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The centuries old art of forming animal horn into useful and beautiful tools, drinking vessels, and firearms accoutrement is on display this weekend at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. USAHEC is proud to host the 2013 annual meeting of The Honourable Company of Horners on Friday, Mar. 1, noon-5 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Visitor and Education Center. This event is open to the public.

Visitors to the facility will have the opportunity to speak with world-class horners and will be treated to several unique demonstrations and exhibits. Featured demonstrations and displays include the Horner's Guild Ceremonial Blowing Horn and living historians using eighteenth and nineteenth century horner's tools and skills.

Visitors can also see the entrants into various Horners' Guild competitions, including the best Contemporary Engraved Horn, Traditional Engraved Horn, Carved Horn, and horn bags and horn objects. New this year is a competition for guild members to make a powder horn or horn object using only the resources and tools available 200 or more years ago. These objects will be on display in a special area during the event. The competitions will be capped by judging the finalists in the annual blowing horn and drinking vessel contest. In addition, the Guild will proudly display and demonstrate the use of their hand-made spring pole lathe, a wood working technology in continual use since ancient Egyptian times!

USAHEC's main exhibit, "The Soldier Experience," will be open, as will the museum store, and Café Cumberland. Additionally, the horners will be selling handcrafted items. Parking and admission are free to both the USAHEC facility and the annual meeting. For more information, please call 717-245-3972.

