Washington’s Headquarters is the nation’s first publicly owned historic site. It was in the Hasbrouck family’s Dutch style farmhouse that General Washington, along with his wife Martha, his aides, guards, servants and slaves, spent the most time they had at any military headquarters. Their stay would last 16 and a half months, beginning in April of 1782 and ending in August of 1783 as the Revolutionary War was drawing to a close. During that time the General created the Badge of Military Merit, forerunner to the Purple Heart, announced the cease-fire that ended the Revolutionary War, developed his response to the Newburgh Conspiracy and much more.

Today, the Headquarters is open to visitors year round. A visit includes a guided tour of the historic headquarters, access to the museum building with two floors of exhibits, and the site’s historic grounds, featuring a breathtaking view of the Hudson River along with a series of historic monuments commemorating the Revolutionary War. The most prominent of these is the massive, recently re-opened, Tower of Victory, built in the 1880’s to commemorate the disbandment of the Continental Army and the peaceful end of the Revolutionary War.
A guided tour of the Hasbrouck House that functioned as General Washington’s Headquarters.

A tour of the site’s museum, featuring multiple gallery spaces including the award winning open-storage exhibit, featuring over 3,300 objects navigated through a student friendly, interactive, electronic-catalog system.

A visit to the tower of victory, an 1887 Centennial Monument dedicated to the peaceful disbandment of the Continental Army from Newburgh in 1783. (Visit is weather/staff dependent)

$5 Per Person * 90-120 Minutes (Depending on group size)

- Additional Programs -

Add a 30—45 minute program to the Historic House/Museum Tour option as a package for $7 per person, OR, receive the stand alone program for a total of $5 per person.

From Badge of Military Merit to Purple Heart

Hear the story behind the creation of the Badge of Military Merit, the Continental Army’s first award open to all enlisted men. Explore the stories of the men who earned it as well as the award’s eventual evolution into the Purple Heart that we know today.

Bite the Bullet

Treating injuries was an important part of life in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Using a trunk of reproduction tools and remedies as examples, explore the basic treatments and theories behind 18th century battlefield medicine.

Receiving the French

Assistance from France played an invaluable role in helping the American colonies in their fight against the British. Explore the reasons why the French decided to accept this alliance and the details of their role in the colonies’ victory.

Martha Washington: A Timeless Woman

In 1789, Martha Washington would set an important precedent as the nation’s first presidential spouse. Explore how her life during the Revolutionary War helped to prepare her for this daunting role, and how subsequent First Ladies chose to follow in her footsteps, or blaze their own trail.

After Yorktown: The Path to Newburgh

Believe it or not, the American War for Independence did not end in 1781 at the Siege of Yorktown. Explore the important issues and events that occurred after Yorktown that paved the way for General Washington’s stay at Newburgh in the Hasbrouck House from 1782-1783.

Capturing Our Past

On July 4, 1850, Washington’s Headquarters opened as the first publicly owned historic site in the nation. Hear the story of how the Headquarters was saved, and explore what a visit to the site was like in the mid to late 1800’s.

Additional Program Topics Available

School Program Offerings

Washington’s Headquarters offers a variety of lectures and programs for young audiences as well. Like our adult programs, these offerings can be delivered on-site, or come to you as an outreach program. Call the site for more information, or pick up our “Student Programs” brochure.

Outreaches

Not able to get to Washington’s Headquarters? Not a problem! Each of our programs can come to you as an outreach. The cost for our outreach programs for a minimum of 10 people is $5.00 per person with a possible additional fee for travel depending on distance. Call the site to schedule today.