



Join the Schuylkill River Heritage Center as Jim Christ presents

Remember Paoli: The Paoli Massacre

"Remember Paoli!" was America's first battle cry — born here in our own backyard after a terrifying evening in 1777. Join us as Jim Christ, President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, brings to life the Paoli Massacre, a gripping piece of Revolutionary War history!

On the night of September 20, 1777, British General Charles Grey led roughly 2,000 men on a silent nighttime raid into the Great Valley, catching our country's troops completely off guard. What followed was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, opening the door for the British occupation of Philadelphia.

Shockwaves from the Battle of Paoli rippled through our local community for generations, inspiring the second-oldest Revolutionary War Memorial in the nation, dedicated in 1817 and venerated annually at the Malvern Memorial Parade.

- Come find out why the battle's known as the "Paoli Massacre."
- Get ready for Jim to bust some myths — yes, including the one about American troops being caught asleep.
- Hear Jim trace how General "Mad Anthony" Wayne turned this brutal defeat into a stunning comeback, using hard-won lessons to score a decisive victory at the Battle of Stony Point, NY.

Jim Christ is President of the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund and has served on its Board since 2012. A dedicated history buff, he's also Vice President of the American Revolution Round Table of Philadelphia, Vice President of the Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table, a board member and docent at the Christian C. Sanderson Museum in Chadds Ford, a board member of the Paoli Memorial Association and the Chester County 250th Committee, and Treasurer of Historical Military Impressions, Inc., a nonprofit reenactment group performing across several states.



When Jim's not immersed in history, he directs Client Services for Shelby Financial Corporation, Exton. He and his wife live on the site of the Battle of the Clouds, another Revolutionary War battlefield in West Whiteland Township.



"Remember Paoli!" is local history with national significance - don't miss this one!

When:

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Where:

Schuylkill River Heritage Center (SRHC)

Foundry Building

2 N. Main Street, Phoenixville

The presentation is free to SRHC members,
\$5 for non-members.

Lieutenant Richard St. George of the 52nd Regiment commissioned this painting by Xavier della Gatta in 1782 to commemorate the Battle of Paoli.
(Credit: Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia)