IMPORTANT NOTICE:

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Tour and Demonstration:
Colonial Williamsburg Armoury Complex

Friday
May 20, 2016
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Anderson’s Blacksmith Shop & Public Armoury
310 E. Duke of Gloucester St.
Colonial Williamsburg, VA 23185
colonialwilliamsburg.com

Cost: There will be no cost for this event.

Reservations: Please notify Jeff Wiese at wiese@nleng.com or 804-421-7897 by Wednesday, May 18. Everyone is welcome.

Note: We only have room for 20 people on this tour, so please make reservations early. Let us know immediately if you must cancel so we can give the spaces to someone else.
Chairman's Message:

This will be the final event for the season. We will receive a private tour of the Armoury Complex at Colonial Williamsburg by Master Blacksmith Ken Schwarz. We encourage you to attend if possible, but due to the confined space in the buildings, the group has to be kept to no more than 20.

We congratulate Dave Conley as our new Vice Chair and Tri Shrestha as our new Secretary for the upcoming season beginning July 1. We encourage all members to be more involved with the chapter, and you are welcome to attend any executive committee meeting to see how the process works.

About the Presentation:

The work at the Armoury Complex involves the research, rediscovery, practice, and preservation of the pre-industrial processes for working iron and steel. In 2013 a Tin Shop was added to the complex to illustrate the work in tinplate that was part of the Revolutionary Wartime activity of the shop. Copies of early iron, steel, and tinplate objects are manufactured for use in the town, for other historic sites, and for private commission. The hot working of iron and traditional forge welding will be demonstrated during the tour.

About the Speaker:

Ken Schwarz began as a blacksmith in 1977, working for a smith and establishing his workshop. He ran a business doing historical restoration work from 1979 to 1982 and then joined the workshop at Colonial Williamsburg as an apprentice blacksmith. He earned journeyman status in 1988 and assumed the position of master of the shop in 2004. In his current role he oversees six blacksmiths, four tinsmiths, and a military artificer and presents public programming for Colonial Williamsburg.

Take a video tour of the Armoury Complex with Mr. Schwarz:

https://youtu.be/mnOCdCcCLZQ

Watch the raising of the tinsmith shop leading up to the opening of the Armoury Complex in November of 2013:

https://youtu.be/eHqshDKenio

Contact any of our officers if you would like to advertise in our newsletter.
Read an interview with Mr. Schwarz discussing his blacksmithing:

http://goo.gl/gVWZOe

**Directions and Parking:**

There are many different ways to get into Colonial Williamsburg, but parking for our event will be at the Tavern Lot on Francis St. E. at the intersection with Blair St. (460-498 Francis St. E.) It is a five minute walk north on Blair St. and east on E. Duke of Gloucester St. to the entrance of Anderson’s Blacksmith Shop. We will meet at that entrance to begin the tour at 5:00 PM.

See the map below.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Summer:** ASM Teachers Camps
- **Sept. 2016:** Next meeting season begins

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