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On Sunday, July 2, The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum welcomed Congressman Leonard Lance (NJ-07), Bedminster Township Mayor Steve Parker, veterans, and local residents to a community picnic, featuring a Field of Honor® display of 200 American flags, at River Road Park.



The flags, standing seven feet, were purchased by individuals and tagged with their personal messages. Many honored loved ones, while others offered support for our nation's active duty servicemen and women.

[Above right] Bedminster Township Mayor Steve Parker, Congressman Leonard Lance, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Robert Vicci and CEO of VetRest, from Long Valley; and Craig Sutherland, President of the Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum, of Basking Ridge.

Picnic-goers enjoyed live music by Hoi Polloi, grilled fare served up by chefs from Trattoria Mediterranea, of Bedminster, and tours of the circa-1772 Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum. The event, sponsored by Trump National Golf Club,



Ferriero Engineering, Investors Bank, Far Hills Pharmacy, and Lighting Elysium, benefited VetRest, a non-profit organization helping veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS).

[Above] Former Jacobus Vanderveer House president and Honorary Trustee Grania

Allport (center) with husband George (right), of Far Hills, daughter Tara (left) and grandchildren Scarlett, 4, and Henry, 6.

“The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum is an especially fitting venue for a Field of Honor®, because it has a bond with our nation’s veterans that spans 240 years,” commented Craig Sutherland, President of The Friends of the Jacobus Vanderveer House. “It was here, in the winter of 1778-79, that General Henry Knox made the Vanderveer House his home while he commanded the nation’s first military training academy on a hillside less than a mile away. What those young patriots learned at the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment helped prepare them to go toe to toe with the British in securing our nation’s independence. Today, we celebrate those early patriots and the many more since them, who were willing to sacrifice their lives for our freedom.”



[Left] Sarah Franzen, of Bedminster, with daughters Chloe and Lillian, honored "Grandpa Bob" with a personal message on their flag.





[Above left] Paul Bell, of Pottersville, honored his late nephew, Lance Corporal Gary Bell, a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran, with a flag.



[Above left] Basking Ridge resident Jennifer Becker, a Trustee of The Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum, and her husband Fred (right) honored their nephew Nicholas Becker (center) with a flag in the Field of Honor®.

[Above right] Retired Lieutenant Colonel Robert Vicci (right), the CEO of VetRest, and his wife Nanette, of Long Valley.



[Above left] Caleigh Wojtech, Ivanka Panasik, Victor Panasik, and Elizabeth Wojtech, of Bedminster, stand tall with the Field of Honor®.

[Above right] Congressman Leonard Lance addresses the crowd.

About Field of Honor®

The Field of Honor® program is part of a national movement that started out as a way to commemorate the lives lost on September 11, 2001. In just a short amount of time,

the concept has grown and communities like ours across America are turning to Field of Honor® tributes to raise money and awareness for a growing array of causes. The Field of Honor® is a community project of remembrance, and an expression of humanity and patriotism.

About VetREST

VetRest is a non-profit organization that began in 2013 as an initiative to help veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS). Medical studies show that there is often a direct link between veterans suffering from PTS and suicides. With the help of several West Point graduates and friends concerned about veterans, Major General Dan York launched VetREST to facilitate Restoration, Encouragement, Solace and Training for our nation's veterans. VetREST is committed to helping veterans identify the cause of their PTS in an environment to promote healing so they can live a healthy lifestyle. For more information about VetREST visit www.vetrest.org.

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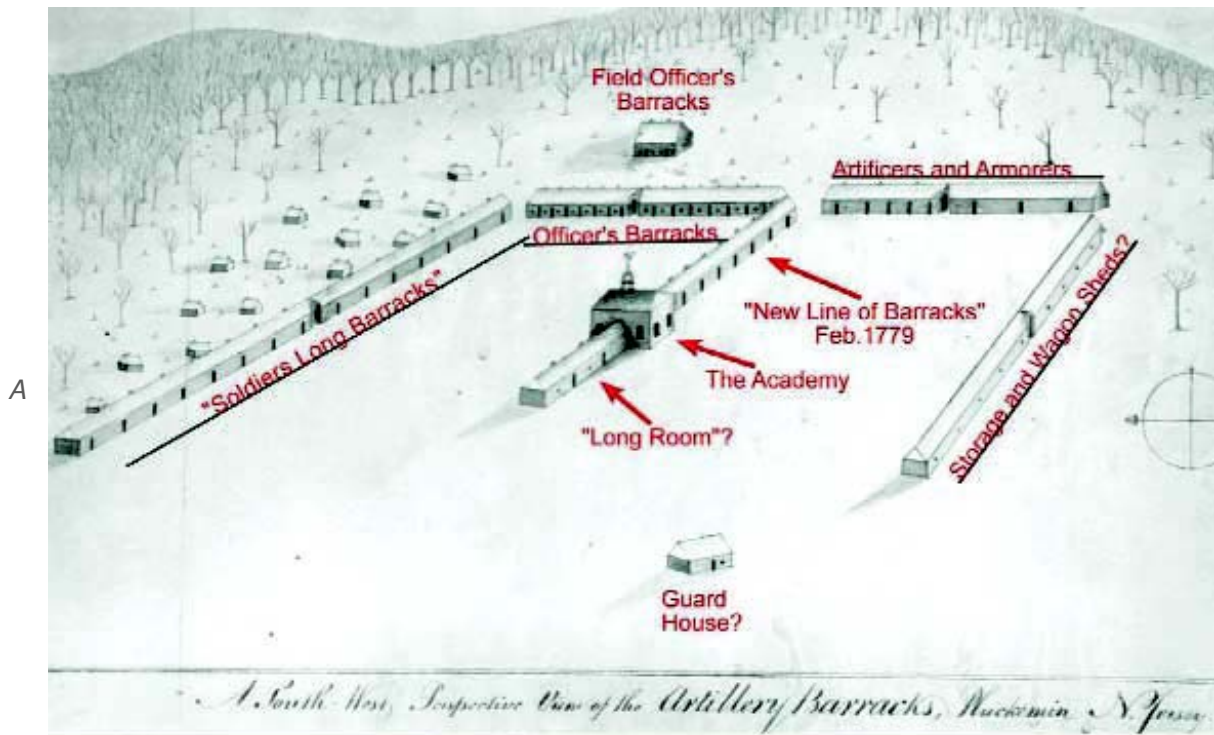


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drawing of the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment by Captain John Lillie (late 1778 or early 1779) with buildings identified.

Where Was America's 1st Military Training Academy? Answer - Bedminster, New Jersey

During the winter of 1778-79, Bedminster's Jacobus Vanderveer House was the home and headquarters of General Henry Knox, who commanded the Pluckemin Artillery Cantonment, considered America's first military training academy and a precursor to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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Jacobus Vanderveer House & Museum



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Directions: The Jacobus Vanderveer House is conveniently located near Routes 78, 287 and 22 at the River Road exit on Routes 202/206 in Bedminster, New Jersey. Enter through River Road Park. Parking and restroom facilities are available onsite.

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