

We had high hopes but given the current situation and directives, we are officially postponing the Malvern Memorial Parade originally scheduled for Sunday, May 31st, 2020.

The good news is we hope it is a postponement, not a cancellation. We are looking to build upon the Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund's Saturday Heritage Day in September and hold the Malvern Memorial Parade and Memorial Commemoration on Sunday, September 20th, at 1:30PM. We are working with all the groups that usually participate to ensure the Parade and Commemoration, though delayed, will be special.

Did you know, the September date takes the Parade back to its earliest roots? In 1817 nearly 40 years after the Revolutionary War and more than 50 before the first Memorial ("Decoration") Day, the first parade and memorial ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Paoli Massacre was held. More than 400 volunteer troops in eight militia units from three counties, and two bands "in a slow solemn march" participated. "The number, brilliancy and respectability of the assemblage at Paoli on the morning of that day, is spoken of as never before equaled in Chester County." It was the start of a tradition. In succeeding years, the 20th of September "was duly observed with military parade, drill exhibition, band music, patriotic addresses and musket, rifle and cannon salutes and was known throughout the area as Paoli Days." The last time the parade was held in September was 1868. Historical reference source, ***A Century in Malvern***, edited by Nancy B. Schmitt, 1989

As we get closer, we will post more information. In the meantime, please stay healthy, and enjoy what pleasure you can during a summer the likes of which we have never seen.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in September.

Malvern Memorial Parade Committee