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Dear Historians, Reenactors, and War of 1812 Enthusiasts,

On behalf of Fort Meigs Historic Site and the Ohio History Connection, I would like to formally and cordially invite you to our annual First Siege: 1813 living history showcase and battle recreation taking place May 24-25, 2025. Every year this event functions as the grand centerpiece of our great mission. We truly value your volunteer efforts in helping us commemorate our history and the sacrifice of the brave men who fought in this area, on all sides, during the War of 1812.

Our mission, as always, is to protect and preserve this historic battlefield - to protect and preserve the stories of the War of 1812. Each year we invite reenactors from all over the United States and Canada to help us remember the struggle that shaped all of North America and its peoples. Fort Meigs is run by a tiny not-for-profit organization, and it would be impossible to carry out this mission without your incredible efforts as volunteers. It is through you that we remain heard and relevant in a noisy world. Please join us!

First Siege:1813

May 23 - Arrival and Camp Set-Up

May 24-25 - Military Camps, Commemoration, and Battle Reenactment

May 26 - Commemoration and Ceremony for the Fallen (US Memorial Day)

All events take place at the Historic Battlefield:

29100 W. River Road (OH Route 65)

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Information on antique and reproduction firearms upon border crossing
can be found at: https://www.help.cbp.gov/s/article/Article-1246?language=en_US



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Importing a muzzle loading gun that is considered an antique

Any muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, or muzzle loading pistol, which is designed to use black powder, or black powder substitute, and which cannot use fixed ammunition. The term antique firearm shall not include any weapon which includes a firearm frame or receiver, any firearm which is converted into a muzzle loading weapon, or any muzzle loading weapon which can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock, or any combination.

Antique firearms are not considered firearms for purposes of the [Gun Control Act](#) (GCA), the GCA import regulations generally do not apply to the importation of antique firearms. Moreover, a nonimmigrant (NIA) may possess antique firearms, even if the NIA does not fall within an exception to the NIA prohibition.

Muzzle loading cannons not capable of firing ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898 are replicas and therefore are antiques and not subject to the provisions of either the GCA or the National Firearms Act (NFA). Please see, [26 United States Code \(U.S.C.\) § 5845\(g\)](#), and [27 CFR \(Code of Federal Regulations\) § 479.11](#). If you are not sure your firearm is an antique firearm as defined by the GCA, please contact the [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives](#) (ATF).

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