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Colonel Crawford's Olde Towne Lantern Tour Brings Life to Olde Towne Portsmouth!

(Portsmouth, VA) - It's more than a walk through the streets of Olde Towne Portsmouth, when you take one of Colonel Crawford's acclaimed Living History Tours. It's a little bit of history come to life! Since 2002, Eric "Ricky" Price has portrayed the founder of Portsmouth, Virginia, Colonel William Crawford, and extolled the extensive history of this early colonial port.

The Living History Tour is a 75 to 90 minute stroll through the history, homes and hearts that created the "faire towne" of Portsmouth, and covers approximately one mile. Participants should prepare to be educated and delighted with this walking production, which "is never quite the same!" *Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.*

The Colonel William Crawford character was created by Eric Price for the City of Portsmouth's 250th birthday commemoration in 2002. Based on Portsmouth's real-life founder, the Colonel is well-versed in all things colonial and, of course, all things Portsmouth. After the celebration, Colonel Crawford stayed to educate and entertain the citizenry of "Faire Portsmouth", as well as visitors from her neighboring cities and places beyond.

Of Colonel Crawford's known history, he established the City of Portsmouth in 1752 upon 65 acres of land on the Elizabeth River, a part of his extensive plantation. He was a wealthy merchant and ship owner who, at various times, held offices as the Norfolk County presiding court judge, high sheriff, militia lieutenant colonel, and representative of the House of Burgesses. Because of his militia service, he was frequently referred to as "Colonel Crawford".

The walking tours are conducted on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays starting at 8 p.m. and will depart from the lobby of the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel at 425 Water Street.

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Ticket prices are: Adults: \$10; or two for \$15. Students & Seniors: \$8; or two for \$15. Children 8 and younger – FREE but the tour is not advised. Military w/ID, buy one get one free. Tickets may be purchased at the time of the tour, or in advance, which includes a discount coupon, at Starboards Coffee Kiosk and Skipjack Nautical Wares & Marine Gallery – both located at High Street Landing – on the waterfront of Olde Towne Portsmouth.

The tours will continue through October 30th. No tour is scheduled October 29 due to the Olde Towne Ghost Walk. (Group tours and private events prevail.)

Group tours may be scheduled for any day and time with 10 or more advance reservations. To schedule a group tour, contact Colonel Crawford (Eric Price) at 757.391.0155 or email him at ColCrawfordAndCo@aol.com.

Also, Eric Price has a 60-minute DVD entitled – "**PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA – JEWEL OF THE ELIZABETH**" – available at Starboards Coffee Kiosk, Skipjack Nautical Wares, Paperwhyte, Way Back Yonder, and the Portsmouth Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.OldeTowneTheatricals.com.

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