

2017 - 2018 Dept of NJ American Legion Coloring Contest
Caldwell Parsonage - Union, New Jersey

In 1730, the parsonage was built by the First Presbyterian Congregation when they decided to build a church and home for their Pastor and his family at Connecticut Farms, now Union Township, NJ. The house had a kitchen, meeting room, two bedrooms and a basement. January 25, 1780 the parsonage became the home of Reverend James Caldwell, a Presbyterian minister and active supporter of the Patriot Cause during the Revolutionary War. When the British invaded the area June 1780, Mrs. Caldwell refused to leave and was killed. The British ransacked and burned the parsonage down. The Battle of Connecticut Farms became one of the last major battles between the British and American forces during the American Revolutionary War.

In 1782 the parsonage was rebuilt and became a three story house and continued to serve as a home for its pastors until the 20th century. In 1982, Caldwell Parsonage was added to the National Register of Historic Places as a well preserved 18th century farmhouse with a historical connection. It currently serves as a historical museum, owned and operated by the Union Township Historical Society, and contains clothing, photographs and furniture donated by the Miller, Headley, Lum and Potter families.

The American Bald Eagle became a national emblem during the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. June 14, 1777 Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution in which the Betsy Ross flag was designed. The Betsy Ross and today's USA flag represents Veterans throughout United States history.

PLEASE PRINT. (Post and County: Please verify that all the information below is completed below.)

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Grade in School: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone#: _____ Contact Person: _____

Post#: _____ Post Address: _____

*** All Posts: When mailing your first place winner to your County - please submit your contact information below:**

Your Name: _____ Phone#: _____

**** County Americanism Chairman or County Commander: For your first place winner to be entered in the Dept. judging event your signature is required below. Only one entry can be submitted from your county. This form represents your Cover Sheet for this submission.**

Date **County** **County Americanism Chairman Or County Cmdr.**

***** If you have permission to submit the home address of your first place winner, please include that below. Otherwise the school will be contacted to send the first place Dept. coloring contest winner an invite to convention to accept their award.**

(Permission to use the Historic Union County Activity Book for 2015-2016 of the Caldwell Parsonage 1780, was granted by Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Wright and Kowalski)