

**The Florida and Georgia
Societies Sons of the American Revolution,
the City of Jacksonville, and the National Park
Service: Commemorates the 247th
Anniversary of the 17 May 1777
American Revolutionary War Battle of Thomas Creek a SAR National Color Guard Event**

**10:00 a.m. Saturday March 23, 2024
Exit 366, off I-95 to W. Pecan Park Rd. or off US#1 to Lannie Rd. to 2145 Arnold Rd/Gold Star
Family Parkway, to Seaton Creek
Historic Preservation Park**



AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLE OF THOMAS CREEK (Southernmost Battle)

May 17, 1777

In May of 1777, 400 soldiers from the Continental Army and 165 members of the Georgia militia organized in Sunbury, Georgia, just north of the Florida border for an expedition into British East Florida in retaliation for raids by British Loyalists. Traveling by water, the Continentals encountered British troops at Amelia Island, which delayed their rendezvous with the Georgia militia who traveled by land. On May 17, a small force of 109 Georgia militia men was ambushed by a mixed force of British Army, Loyalist militia, and Native Americans near the mouth of Thomas Creek in Northeast Florida. Lieutenant Colonel John Baker of the Georgia forces and 41 of the Georgia militia men survived the battle. The encounter was the first major engagement and the second of three failed attempts by American forces to invade British East Florida. It is considered the southernmost battle of the American Revolutionary War.

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