



## **RAMBO FAMILY 375<sup>TH</sup> REUNION**

**JUNE 10 – 12, 2022**

**WILMINGTON, DE - PHILADELPHIA & TINICUM, PA**

All Rambo, allied families and their friends are invited to the 375<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Rambo Family Reunion celebration of Peter Gunnarson Rambo and Brita Mattsdotter's vows by attending some or all of the historic June 10-12, 2022 weekend filled with family and New Sweden history.

The Timen Stiddem Society will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> National Reunion during this historic weekend of joint activities.

A Facebook page "Rambo Family 375<sup>th</sup> Reunion" has been established to provide the latest available information during the months ahead.

The main event will be Sunday, June 12, beginning with the Swedish Colonial Society's Open House and Dedication of the "Swedish Colonial Farmstead at Tinicum" at its new location in Printz Park, Essington, Pa,

Through the generosity of a donation, a professional videotape of the Reunion and Dedication will be produced and it will include a generous audience sampling to include as many family and friends as possible.

At the Farmstead, there will be displays, cooking and blacksmith demonstrations and all buildings will be open to visitors.

With a complete cast of historically clothed living history re-enactors, we will recreate the 1647 Swedish wedding of our progenitors in a program open at no cost to the general public. Peter will be portrayed by professional living history actor and descendant Robert K. Rambo. Popular vocalist and "2015 Swedish American of the Year" Emily "IVA" Tepe will be Brita.

The keynote speakers at the Dedication are Ronald S. Beatty, author of the five-volume "Rambo Family Tree, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition" and Society Genealogist the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Forde Beatty who will have two topics, "Brita and the Women of New Sweden" and the Society's DNA project.

Following the “wedding ceremony and talks” there will be the Swedish Colonial Farmstead at Tinicum Dedication - Rambo 375<sup>th</sup> Reunion Luncheon at the adjacent Corinthian Yacht Club under the auspices of the Swedish Colonial Society. Following a social period for “cousins” to get acquainted and lunch, Society Historian the Rev. Dr. Kim-Eric Williams will be the keynote speaker on “The Legacy of New Sweden.”

**NOTE: Because of limited seating, lunch reservations at \$55.00 per person must be received by April 1, 2022 or sooner.**

For those interested, a “registration package” is available at a cost of \$135.00 per person. This includes transportation by private coach, entrance to all sites listed, a boxed lunch and beverage, the Rambo 375-Farmstead Luncheon, and a commemorative “Rambo Family 375<sup>th</sup> Reunion” t-shirt featuring the Rambo apple tree.

In the near future, payment by credit card through PayPal link for “registration package,” luncheon, sponsorships, commemorative t-shirts and tickets will be available on the Swedish Colonial Society website [www.ColonialSwedes.net](http://www.ColonialSwedes.net).

Payment by check for all selections can be sent to: Swedish Colonial Society, c/o Linda Alexy, 438 Regina St., Philadelphia PA 19116-2405

For people coming from out of town, our headquarters for the historic weekend is the Doubletree Hotel-Downtown Wilmington, De, where we have arranged a special discounted “Swedish Colonial Society” room rate of \$109.00 plus 10% taxes and fees. The Group Code is “CSS” and website link for hotel reservations is:

[www.my-event.hilton.com/ilgtdtdt-css-00c54622-3d4d-4a84-9e35-559314e8fbb2/](http://www.my-event.hilton.com/ilgtdtdt-css-00c54622-3d4d-4a84-9e35-559314e8fbb2/)

The Reunion begins Friday, June 10, 2022 with Welcome check-in social from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the hotel.

‘Our tentative evening will be at the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation’s Copeland Maritime Center with the full-sized replica of the ship that brought PGR to New Sweden Colony. There is an interesting display about the colony as well as an impressive collection of ship models. If the “Kalmar Nyckel” is in town, we will include an extra cost sail limited to 49 passengers. This is subject to the ship’s schedule,” according to the organizing committee.

Saturday is a full day of sightseeing begins with a private pre-hours tour at the nationally famous American Swedish Historical Museum, with its renowned gold “Map Room” and fascinating New Sweden Gallery, in addition to displays covering many subjects. Remember to take a look at the second-floor landing of the grand staircase. The Executive Director’s office is dedicated to PGR! Outside on the grounds of ASHM, along Snyder Ave., are two mature Rambo trees.

Then it is off to tour National Historic Landmark Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church and paying our respects at the traditional Peter and Brita Rambo gravesite. As part of the Rambo 375<sup>th</sup> Reunion, eight Rambo tree saplings have been donated to Gloria Dei for the churchyard and we will get to see this living memorial. We will enjoy a box lunch in this pastoral setting in the heart of the city.

The tour returns to Wilmington to visit historic Holy Trinity “Old Swedes Church” and Hendrickson House Museum, located in one of the oldest and most beautiful colonial stone houses in America!

Saturday evening is dinner on your own, or we are welcome to join the members of the Timen Stiddem 15<sup>th</sup> National Reunion Dinner at the hotel.

Here is the weekend’s itinerary:

Friday, June 10, 2022: Welcome check-in and social gathering at the Doubletree Hotel-Downtown Wilmington followed by an evening tour of the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation’s Copeland Maritime Center. It’s still too early to know if the Kalmar Nyckel will be at its dock in town, but we’re hoping it will be. If it is, an evening sail on the ship on the Christina River will take place at additional cost.

Saturday, June 11, 2022: Take a private coach early to South Philadelphia to tour the American Swedish Historical Museum followed by a tour of this nationally acclaimed Swedish museum. We then head to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church where we’ll have a box lunch. We return to Wilmington to visit Holy Trinity “Old Swedes Church” and Hendrickson House Museum. Saturday evening dinner is on your own either at the hotel’s restaurant or anywhere in the surrounding area, you may want to try. All are welcome to attend TTS Reunion Dinner at the hotel.

Sunday, June 12: The Swedish Colonial Society’s Open House and Dedication of the Swedish Colonial Farmstead at its new location in Governor Printz Park with the recreated Peter Gunnarson Rambo and Brita Mattsdotter wedding ceremony. The Farmstead Dedication and Rambo 375<sup>th</sup> Reunion Luncheon at the adjacent Corinthian Yacht Club under the auspices of the Swedish Colonial Society (**Limited seating**, payment required by April 1, 2022 or sooner.)