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REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 HISTORIC PRESERVATION STUDY UPDATE

The Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Historic Preservation Study is entering its final stages. Field surveyors are finishing their documentation and evaluation of the study sites. As fieldwork wraps up, the National Park Service study team is drafting the final project report.

The field surveys are designed to collect important historical and physical information about each selected site in the study. Sites were selected based on their association with important events of the two wars. Surveyors research site histories, visit each site to make on-the-ground assessments of resource conditions, and identify impending threats to each site. The surveyors use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to map historic resources and use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to draw what remains of the battlefields' boundaries based upon historical information and current land use practices. This digital data will be available in the ABPP's Comprehensive American Battlefield Information Network (CABIN, see page 2) to State and local preservation and planning agencies with GIS systems. Having the survey data will help those agencies make better-informed decisions about the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 resources in their states and communities.

As survey data arrives, the NPS reviews and assesses the information for each site. The assessment includes working with the State Historic Preservation Offices to refine site boundaries, comparing the survey data to satellite land coverage images, and determining if sites fall in or near urban areas. The NPS study team then sorts the study sites into categories based on their preservation needs.

The study report will explain how the study sites were chosen, profile their status, and make recommendations for their preservation. The NPS expects to complete the draft report by summer 2002. To facilitate public comment on the draft, the NPS plans to post the draft on the American Battlefield Protection Program's website. Detailed information about the draft report will be sent to Battlefield Update readers before the start of the public comment period.

CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Funds are now available to help States and local communities acquire and preserve threatened Civil War battlefields. As authorized by the FY 2002 Department of the Interior Appropriations Act (Public Law 107-63), \$11 million of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will be made available as matching grants to permanently protect endangered battle sites.

The LWCF grants will be awarded to units of State and local governments. In any case where a private non-profit organization seeks to acquire battlefield land with assistance from this program, that organization must apply in partnership with a State or local government agency.

LWCF grants will be awarded through a competitive process over three years (fiscal years 2002 through 2004).

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The Hudson River echoes the Call for Papers to the ABPP's national conference on battlefield preservation in Albany, NY. See page 4 for details. (ABPP photo by Tanya Gossett)

CAPITAL WATCH

A Bill to designate certain lands in Valley Forge as a National Cemetery. S. 618 and H.R. 1237, if enacted, will designate 200 of the 3,600 acres in the Valley Forge National Historical Park as the Valley Forge National Cemetery, and transfer administrative jurisdiction from the NPS to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), former chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and the bill's sponsor, called a hearing in Philadelphia on June 4, 2001. At the meeting's conclusion, the senator noted that the 14 cemeteries now located in National Parks are related historically to their sites, but also advocated the need to recognize 20th Century veterans appropriately. The area under consideration is on the

northern side of the park where there are no interpretive markers or known associated archeological resources.

The Kentucky Military Heritage Act. Last summer, Kentucky State Representative Robert Damron, House District 39, introduced a bill to protect Kentucky military heritage sites and objects. If enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly, the Kentucky Military Heritage Act would establish the Military Heritage Commission consisting of the Adjutant General, the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Chairman of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, and the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs. The bill charges the commission with designation and protection of military heritage sites and objects across the state.

COMPREHENSIVE AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD INFORMATION NETWORK

The ABPP is currently developing a new database for battlefield information, the Comprehensive American Battlefield Information Network (CABIN). CABIN will house fundamental information about battlefields associated with the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, Indian wars, and other conflicts for which the ABPP has data. The database will include information about battle histories, battlefield surveys, preservation planning, resource management, funding sources, case studies, and contact/connections. Collectively, this network will supply the historic preservation community with a means to collaborate and disseminate information about battlefield sites of interest. Although the database is in the design phase, the ABPP hopes to have portions of CABIN available to the public on the Internet by the end of Summer 2002.

Web users will be able to access the popular Civil War battle summaries in CABIN and be able to search for more information about each site. Detailed pages about each battlefield in CABIN will present, as available, basic historical information, photographs, survey data, web links or information about battlefield support groups, preservation plan inventories, and GIS data. CABIN will also guide local preservationists to professional programs and services, including such State and Tribal historic preser-

vation offices and National Park Service programs such as the National Register of Historic Places.

In tandem with CABIN, the ABPP plans to renovate its website. The new site will offer several searchable topics. The "Preservation Planning" section will provide technical guidance publications, web links, examples of battlefield plans, and a preservation plan inventory. The "Resource Management" section will house information on landscape stabilization for features like earthworks, topographic features, and archeological remains. A "Funding Sources" portion will report information about ABPP grants and other grant resources available outside of the National Park Service. A section about "Case Studies" will highlight recent battlefield survey work, a bibliography of completed products, and stories about how organizations have protected important historic land and battlefield resources successfully.

The ABPP hopes CABIN will be a virtual meeting place for professional conservationists and the public where they will find information to help their battlefield preservation efforts. Check the ABPP website later this summer for an update on the development status of CABIN. The ABPP welcomes suggestions about the content and functions of CABIN. Please forward suggestions, comments, or ideas to Gerald Palushock at Gerald_Palushock@nps.gov

TEACHING WITH HISTORIC PLACES: ORISKANY AND PEARL HARBOR

The National Register of Historic Places presents the newest Teaching with Historic Places lesson plan, “The Battle of Oriskany: ‘Blood Shed a Stream Running Down’” online at www.cr.nps.gov/nr/. No episode better captures the brutal conflicts in the Mohawk Valley during the American Revolution than the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. On that day Colonial forces marched into a quiet ravine on their way to Fort Stanwix. The British and their Native American allies were waiting in ambush, and the ravine became a killing ground. Using maps, historical summaries, images, activities and other materials, this online lesson plan brings the history and importance of the battle to life.

Another battlefield lesson plan commemorates the Battle of Pearl Harbor. Today the battle-scarred, submerged remains of the battleship USS *Arizona* rest on the silt of Pearl Harbor, where they settled on December 7, 1941. The ship is the most famous casualty of the battle. The lesson plan, “Remembering Pearl Harbor: The USS *Arizona*” explores the Japanese decision to attack Pearl Harbor, and uses images, historic readings, and maps to help readers understand the event that led to America’s entry into World War II.

Many more battlefield lesson plans are available through the Teaching with Historic Places program of the National Register. For more information, go to www.cr.nps.gov/twhp/ or contact the National Register staff at (202) 343-9545 or (202) 343-8165.



The USS Arizona on December 7, 1941. (NPS photo)

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Each grant requires a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match. Grants are available for the fee simple acquisition of land, or for the acquisition of permanent, protective interests in land, at Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission’s (CWSAC) 1993 Report on the Nation’s Civil War Battlefields. Higher consideration will be given to proposals for acquisition of endangered lands at battlefields defined as Priority I or II sites in the CWSAC report. Funds may not be used to acquire land or interests in land within the legislative boundary of a National Park.

Applicants may submit their proposals to the ABPP at any time. The ABPP will review applications for Priority I and II battlefields as they are received. The ABPP will notify the applicant of its decision within 30 days of receipt of the

completed application. Applications for Priority III and IV battlefields will be reviewed every four months beginning on June 1, 2002, and thereafter on October 1, 2002, February 1, 2003, June 1, 2003, and October 1, 2003, or until funds are no longer available. For example, the ABPP will not review a Priority IV application received on June 2, 2002, until October 1, 2002. The ABPP will notify Priority III and IV applicants of its decision within 45 days of the pertinent deadline above.

LWCF Civil War Land Acquisition Grants information, including application guidelines and instructions, is available online at www2.cr.nps.gov/abpp/lwcf2002.htm. Please address questions and requests to Paul Hawke, Chief, ABPP, at (202) 343-1005, or to Hampton Tucker, Grants Management Specialist, at (202) 343-3580.



Closing Ranks

The 6th National Conference on Battlefield Preservation

Albany, New York

August 16 – 18, 2002

Call for Papers/Presentations

* Submission Deadline: May 23, 2002 *

Invitation

The National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) is currently accepting proposals for papers at its *6th National Conference on Battlefield Preservation – Closing Ranks*. This is the only national conference that brings together all professions involved in the many facets of battlefield protection to discuss, exchange, and present ideas that lead to the long-term protection of our nation's historic battlefields.

Time and Location

The conference will be held August 16 -18, 2002, at the Crowne Plaza Albany, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207, (518) 462-6611.

Conference Activities

The schedule of events has not been finalized. Several conference activities, however, are being planned. Dr. David Starbuck of Plymouth College will lead a bus tour of military sites. A bus tour of Saratoga National Historical Park and other sites led by Edwin C. Bearss, NPS Historian Emeritus, will be offered on August 16. Exhibit space will be available throughout the conference. Paper presentations will be offered at the hotel on Saturday, August 17.

Audience

ABPP national conferences typically draw between 200 and 250 people from across the country. A wide range of professionals representing battlefield friends groups, non-profit organizations, National Parks, tribes, local and state governments, and land trusts attend the conference. Planners, historians,

landscape planners and architects, professional consultants, educators/interpreters, students, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Proposal Topics

The ABPP invites proposals concerning any topic relating to the protection of historic battlefields. Specifically, the ABPP is seeking paper presentations that will provide technical information and/or innovative ideas that can be used by the attendees in protecting battlefields. There will be an opportunity to share case studies of ABPP projects. Although all battlefield topics are welcome for submission, this conference will recognize the 225th celebration of the Revolutionary War and will highlight that topic through tours, workshops, and presentations.

Proposals might address issues dealing with the following topics:

- Land protection
- ABPP supported survey and research
- Cultural landscapes
- Law and policy
- Non-profit organizations/friends groups
- Fundraising
- Case studies of successful projects
- Archeology
- Tribes and sacred grounds
- Heritage tourism/economics
- Technology
- Planning

Note: Complete presentations must be submitted in writing by July 21, 2002.



View of the Hudson River and Bear Mountain Bridge from Fort Montgomery, south of Albany, New York. (ABPP photo by Tanya Gossett)

Length of Paper Presentations and Case Studies

Paper presentations should be narrow enough to cover the subject in-depth and accommodate audience questions within a total of 30 minutes. A paper presentation should address topics, concepts or regional issues. Alternatively, case studies should demonstrate key ideas in a way that is relevant to a wide audience and limited to 20 minutes with adequate time for audience questions. A case study might address work at a single battlefield. Because we anticipate concurrent sessions, moderators will be urged to strictly adhere to the session timetables. Sessions will be organized by ABPP staff according to submissions.

Presenter Travel Arrangements

Travel, one night's lodging, and one day's meals and incidentals will be reimbursed for selected presenters. Conference registration fees, but not separate tour or special event fees, will be waived for all presenters.

Submission Format

When submitting a proposal please attach the following information to the cover sheet (attached)

1. A summary of presentation objectives. 75 words or less.
2. Presenter's Qualifications as they relate to the topic. 1 page or less.
3. Detailed abstract, 200 words or less, including the following:
 - a. Abstract of key issues, topics and concepts addressed
 - b. Intended audience and why your presentation will be important to them
 - c. Expected program outcomes - what the audience will understand and take away with them from this session.

*** Proposals must be received in the ABPP office by 4:00 pm (EST) , May 23, 2002 to be considered.**

* Please submit no more than two proposals per organization. Authors are limited to one submission. The ABPP will use the May 2002 abstract in its final conference agenda pamphlet.

Proposal Evaluations

ABPP staff will review proposals. The ABPP will select presentations based on the clarity of the proposal, topic's relevance to battlefield protection, topic's applicable value and utility, presenter's credentials, and balance of topics within overall conference.

Presenter's Responsibilities

If your proposal is accepted, you will be asked to:

- 1 Write and submit your complete presentation by July 21, 2002. Make no substantive changes in content or selected presenter after July 21 and accepting the ABPP's offer to speak at the conference.
- 2 Present your paper/case study at the National Conference at an agreed upon date and time.
- 3 Submit by July 21, 2002, any final handouts, visuals, or other materials that are part of the presentation. PowerPoint presentations must be converted to MSWord for notebook inclusion.

Time Line

March 18, 2002	Call for papers announced
May 23, 2002	Proposals due in the ABPP's office by 4:00 p.m. EST
May 28, 2002	Selection results announced
July 21, 2002	Final session full text due from presenters for workbook
August 16-18, 2002	ABPP National Conference held in Albany, New York

Submission Information

Proposals are due **4:00 pm, May 23, 2002**. Because of our difficulties with surface mail and e-mail, overnight submissions are preferred. No fax submissions will be accepted.

E-mail proposals to Kristen_Stevens@nps.gov with a message header of "ABPP Conference Proposal 2002".

Address **proposals sent via overnight carrier** (FedEx, UPS, Airborne Express, etc.) to Kristen Stevens, American Battlefield Protection Program, 800 North Capital Street NW, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20002. Use (202) 523-0010

Address **proposals sent via the U.S. Postal Service (including 2-Day and Priority Mail)** to Kristen Stevens, American Battlefield Protection Program, 1849 C Street NW, NC330, Washington, DC 20240.

If you have any questions regarding the conference or the call for papers, please contact Kristen Stevens at (202) 523-0010 phone or kristen_stevens@nps.gov (e-mail).



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Proposal Cover Form

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1. Name, Organization, Address

2. Telephone, Fax, Email

3. Proposed Presentation Title

4. Presentation (30 minutes) or Case Study (20 minutes)?

5. Has this paper been presented before? Y N

If yes, where/when?

6. Will this session require any special equipment, (slide projector, laser pointer, PowerPoint) room set-up, etc. Y N

If yes, explain

*** Please attach the rest of your proposal to the back of the cover sheet**

RECENTLY COMPLETED ABPP PROJECTS

Fort Mose Historic State Park Brochure and Traveling Exhibit

Produced by the Fort Mose Historical Society and the Florida Park Service, the illustrated brochure explores the history and preservation of Fort Mose, the first free black community in what is now the United States. The battle at Fort Mose between British and Spanish forces in June 1740 contributed to the British retreat from Spanish Florida later that year. The ABPP grant also funded a traveling exhibit that complements the brochure. For more information, contact the Fort Mose Historical Society at www.fortmose.org.

The Red River War Battle Sites Project, Phase 2

Produced by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, this report describes archeological investigations at the Red River and Sweetwater Creek battle sites. Both battles were part of the Red River War of 1874, when the U.S. Army launched a major offensive against the Southern Plains Indians. The report explains how archeologists located the sites, summarizes the results of the field investigations, and makes management recommendations for the two battlefields. For additional information, contact the Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission at (512) 463-6100 or www.thc.state.tx.us. 76 pages.

1862 Maryland Campaign: A Civil War Driving Tour

This vibrant brochure guides heritage tourists through scenic western Maryland to twelve sites associated with 1862 Maryland Campaign. Developed by the Save Historic Antietam Foundation and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the brochure stresses campaign history and site preservation. Included on the tour are places significant in the Battle of South Mountain, the Siege of Harpers Ferry, the Battle of Antietam, and the Battle of Shepherdstown. For more information, contact the Save Historic Antietam Foundation at www.shafonline.org.

Glorieta National Battlefield: Its Economic Benefits for San Miguel and Santa Fe Counties and Restoring Hallowed Ground Brochure

The Southwest Regional Office of the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) commissioned economist Dr. Frank A. Ward to estimate the potential economic benefits of restoring Glorieta National Battlefield to its Civil War appearance and opening the site to visitation by the public. Ward's report addresses how such a project might affect tourism-generated income to San Miguel and Santa Fe counties and the potential for new jobs in those counties. 43 pages.

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The NPCA also worked with Pecos National Historical Park to develop a full-color brochure that discusses the need to re-route New Mexico State Highway 50 outside of the battlefield. For more information about either project, contact the Southwest Regional Office of the National Parks and Conservation Association at (505) 247-1221.

An Investigation and Assessment of Civil War Shipwrecks off Fort Fisher, North Carolina

This detailed report documents the remote sensing surveys and reconnaissance investigations of seven shipwrecks

near Fort Fisher, a formidable Confederate sea coast fortification during the Civil War. The underwater surveys, conducted by staff and students from the Program in Maritime History and Underwater Archaeology at East Carolina University, led to new insight about the nature and scope of the archeological resources associated with each vessel. The report also includes an evaluation of each site's potential for development as an underwater park. For additional information, contact the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History at (910) 458-9042 or www.arch.dcr.state.nc.us. 162 pages.