



Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

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Rochambeau monument at Newport Harbor, Rhode Island
Photos by Lanny Patten, Chair of W3R-PA

News Along the Trail

The National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc. (W3R®-US) held its' annual meeting in Princeton **New Jersey** on April 13, 2013. In addition to annual business, the Board of Directors elected new officers. We congratulate and look forward to working with the new Chair, Ursula Reed, Vice Chair Janet Burnet, Recording Secretary Carl Nittinger, Corresponding Secretary Blanche Hunnewell, and Treasurer Diana Bria-Wharton. For more details or to contact the W3R®-US, please visit <http://www.w3r-us.org/>.

Dr. Robert Selig will be giving a lecture at Morristown National Historical Park in **New Jersey** on Thursday May 9 at 7pm. It is Part II of the lecture given two years ago and covers the two armies' movements on the NHT from Morristown to Trenton in August 1781.

Dr. Robert Selig will be giving a lecture at the Belair Mansion in Bowie, **Maryland** on May 2, at 7pm. The lecture is titled, "From Baltimore and Annapolis to Bladensburg and Beyond: The Yorktown Campaign in Prince George's County." Dr. Selig will present the current state of research into the logistics of the march, its participants as well as the possible routes they traveled across Prince George's County on their way to Yorktown in 1781. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cityofbowie.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=835>

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The National Association of Government Communicators has awarded Boston National Historical Park in **Massachusetts** a first place “Blue Pencil and Gold Screen Award” for its Apple iPad and smartphone app. The free app for Apple iOS and Google Android smartphones allows folks exploring Boston on foot to listen to ranger talks, follow guided tours, pinpoint their location on a map, and get live updates about park events. The app includes information about Boston NHP and Boston African American National Historic Site as well as other parks in the region, and features custom maps and turn-by-turn directions to dozens of historic sites. Users will find fun facts, frequently asked questions, restaurant, transportation, shopping, and hotel information. We hope to use this model to create an app for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT in the future!

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of **Pennsylvania** sits directly on the Washington-Rochambeau NHT and will host an international conference on the American Revolution on May 30-June 1. The conference aims to identify new directions and new trends in scholarship on the American Revolution, with 4 main themes of Global Perspectives, Power, Violence, and Civil War. For more information or to attend, please go to <http://www.mceas.org/revolution/>

The Princeton Battlefield Society will be hosting a Forgotten History Seminar on May 18, in Washington’s Crossing, **Pennsylvania**. This year’s topics will be the common British soldier, Washington’s aides de camp, and Nathanael Greene “the strategist of the American Revolution.” The panel experts will include Don Hagist, discussing the demographics of British soldiers, the men in a single regiment, their nationalities, ages, length of military service, occupations before joining the army, and what happened to them after the war. Fellow panel expert Arthur Lefkowitz will discuss Washington’s aides-de-camp and Nathaniel Greene. The keynote speaker will be Janet Uhler, discussing how Nathanael Greene has yet to take his appropriate place of honor as a founding father whose decisions and actions were pivotal to the establishment of these United States. The event will be held from 1pm to 5pm at the David Library of the American Revolution, 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA 18977. The cost is \$20 and tickets can be purchased here: <http://princetonbattlefieldsociety.ticketleap.com/forgotten-history/>

The W3R of **New York** is planning the first annual Washington-Rochambeau Hudson Heritage Regatta to commemorate the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. They are hoping to initiate the event for September 2013, working with partners such as Clearwater, Historic Hudson River Towns, The Hudson River Estuary Program, Hudson River Watershed Alliance, local municipalities, Marist College/Hudson River Valley Institute, the W3R®-US, the US Department of the Interior, NYS Greenway and Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association, and regional Revolutionary War re-enactors.

The wayside exhibit program for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT in **New York** is still underway. The new schedule has a tentative date for the wayside exhibits to be ready in the early months of 2014.



The U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act (H.R. 1033), a bipartisan bill that would provide competitive matching grants to preserve battlefields from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. The legislation would re-authorize the American Battlefield Protection Program and expand it beyond the American Civil War to include historic sites from the nation's war for independence. To see details of the bill, please visit: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr1033>. One of the recently submitted American Battlefield Protection Program grant applications relating to the Washington-Rochambeau NHT is for Gloucester Point, **Virginia** and the 1781 Battle of the Hook. A reenactment is being planned for October 2013. To learn more about the reenactment and Gloucester, please visit: <http://www.battleofthehook.org/>.

On May 9, the W3R-**Delaware** in conjunction with the Alliance Francaise Delaware and the Delaware Military Academy will host the French Embassy Consul General, Monsieur Oliver Serot Almeras. The event will pay tribute to the French Cavalry, "Lauzun's Legion", who were stationed in Wilmington, Delaware during the 1782-1783 time period. The Legion was positioned there following the battle of Yorktown to protect Philadelphia from any possible British fleet attack. Following the Peace Treaty of 1783 the Cavalry departed in May of 1783. This marks the 230th anniversary of their departure. The event will feature a Pass in Review of the 500 Cadets at the Academy, Delaware's only military high school. This Pass in Review will be student cadet lead event. In attendance will be the Delaware Congressional Delegation, State and County Legislators as well as the W3R®-US incoming Chair, Ursula Reed. Also in attendance will be a unit of WWII Veterans from Delaware who served in France in 1944-45, escorted by American Legion Post 25 of Middletown, Delaware. In addition, the State of Delaware Adjutant General, Frank Vavala, Judge Richard Cooch, Veronica Eid, President of the Alliance Francaise and Ms. Geri Dorman, President of the Delaware Cooch's Bridge Chapter, DAR, Delaware First Regiment (Revolutionary Living History Unit), and Delaware American Legion State President James Brady will be in attendance. The Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation, founders of Delaware's newest museum, will be on hand. Bill Conley, Delaware W3R President hopes that events such as this remind all Delawareans of the deep, centuries old friendship between the United States and France.

The American Revolution Round Table of Northern Delaware will host a talk by Joel Fry about Bartram's Garden on May 19 at the Hale-Byrnes House in Newark, **Delaware**. The talk is from 3pm to 5pm and the cost is \$5. For more, see the 2013 Hale Byrnes Events Calendar at <http://delawareway.blogspot.com/2013/04/2013-hale-byrnes-events-calendar.html>.

Rhode Island has new historic signs, inspired by the W3R signs on Aquidneck Island and beyond. Jamestown, Rhode Island's Department of Public Works placed signs on Narragansett Avenue commemorating General George Washington's March 6, 1781 journey through Jamestown on his way to meet General Rochambeau in Newport. A tourism grant from the Jamestown Community Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation helped finance them. Read more at http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2013-04-04/News/Jamestown_Historical_Society_News.html.



Updates on the NHT

Planning is a critical to the future of the NHT particularly in the ever changing environment we face. Many of you have participated in the early phases of our strategic planning effort and we have begun the next phase, which is what we call the Foundation Document. Building on the earlier efforts, this document will provide a base or foundation for future planning and action. Peter Iris-Williams, NPS planner with the Northeast Region, is leading the effort. We have developed a preliminary workplan, are drafting the purpose and significance statements and gathering and assessing resource information. We will share material with you as it is developed and we welcome your suggestions.

We are undertaking a GIS project that will expand the NHT auto route map to include walking, biking, boating, kayaking, and transit routes. We will create additional information layers to show the location of National Parks, National Trails, National Landmarks, National Register sites, National Monuments, Heritage Areas, state parks, and local parks that are related to the NHT. Our goal is to go digital and create an interactive feature that will connect the places and make all of this information easily accessible. Samantha Driscoll will be managing this project so please contact her if you have any questions or suggestions.

Phil Correll is working on several agreement actions. One is the development of a new Memorandum of Understanding that will be used with the fifteen sites in New York State that have been selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT outdoor wayside exhibits that are currently under development and should be completed in early 2014. These exhibits--funded through a New York State transportation enhancement grant--will serve as prototypes for other states as additional funding becomes available.

We are exploring whether there is interest in developing a Revolutionary Route in Virginia along the NHT corridor. The NHT provides an opportunity to link Alexandria to Virginia Beach. We have discovered that some planned bike routes fall along the NHT corridor including, as shown here: www.virginiadot.org/programs/united_states_bicycle_route_1_and_76_in_virginia.asp, as well as the Road to Revolution Heritage Trail, explained here: <http://www.virginia.org/Listings/HistoricSites/RoadtoRevolutionHeritageTrail/>. Please let us know if you have any interest or ideas!

While we anxiously await the resolution of the Federal budget, we are continuing move ahead cautiously in these times of reductions and constraints. We are working to develop partnerships, to get the word out about the NHT, and to diversify the source of funds to help finance and carry out projects and initiatives. Please let us know if you have suggestions or opportunities for us to work together. This year's Servicewide Comprehensive Call was for projects being requested primarily for FY 2015 through FY 2019. The NHT team identified a total of twenty-two proposed projects valued at over \$3 million. Some projects require matching funds. The projects include developing management and interpretive plans; completing state resource studies, individual state brochures, and development of a wayfinding sign system; creating a NHT guidebook and documentary film; developing cell phone tours; and supporting events and preservation activities.



NPS: A Call to Action

The National Park Service is nearing its 100th Anniversary in 2016. National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis has announced A Call to Action to move the NPS into a new century. A Call to Action calls for creative and innovative ways to interpret, experience, communicate, protect, and educate the parks, trails, sites, and resources of the National Park Service.

See the plan at: http://inside.nps.gov/calltoaction/pdf/C2A_report.pdf

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail will work with communities along the route to:

- Reach new audiences to tell the story of Generals Washington and Rochambeau, the allied armies, and the people impacted by this event.
- Connect the national, state, local parks, trails, heritage areas, and greenways on the route and add cultural resource preservation and interpretation to the natural and recreation resources along the route.
- Offer rich, interactive, up-to-date content in a user-friendly web platform that supports online and mobile technology including social media.

Website and Google Maps of the NHT

With the NPS website now up and running, www.nps.gov/waro, the Google maps of the NHT auto route are more accessible. Please follow this link to the 'Directions' page of the NPS site and click on the state.

<http://www.nps.gov/waro/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

'Like' us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all NHT news!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route-National-Historic-Trail/126419804105006>

Items of Interest

Washington and Rochambeau in Liberty's Kids Episode #36 "Yorktown"

Liberty's Kids is an animated educational historical fiction television series originally broadcast on PBS Kids from 2002 to 2003. The following links will take you to Part 1 and Part 2 of Episode #36 entitled, "Yorktown." The Washington-Rochambeau NHT is explained in conjunction with the siege of Yorktown, resulting in a very entertaining cartoon!

EPISODE 36: "Yorktown"

PART ONE:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzAyaPP95zw>

PART TWO:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBCdzPtfVdU>



National Water Trails System Application for Designation

There is a new National Water Trails System. Water trail managers can apply for designation through an easy online application, and visitors can learn more about designated trails through a photo gallery, dynamic stories, and videos. An interactive map and new search functions make it easy for users to find national water trails throughout the country. Visit the new site at www.nps.gov/watertrails.

Jamestown's Legacy to the American Revolution March 2013-January 2014

More than 60 objects destined for exhibit at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will be on display in "Jamestown's Legacy to the American Revolution," opening March 1 at Jamestown Settlement, a museum of 17th-century Virginia. The special exhibition, which continues through January 20, 2014, examines the lives of Revolutionary War-era descendants of people associated with 17th-century Jamestown, the first capital of colonial Virginia. Work is under way on the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, which will replace the Yorktown Victory Center by late 2016. Colonel Richard Taylor, who served with the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army, and Captain Edward Travis IV, who served in the Virginia navy, are featured in "Soldiers and Sailors." Most Virginians who fought in the war were either militiamen or soldiers of the Continental Line. Virginia's small naval force operated chiefly to keep the state's rivers and the Chesapeake Bay safe from the British navy and to assist in the transport of supplies for the Continental Army. For more information, call (888) 593-4682 toll-free or (757) 253-4838 or visit www.historyisfun.org.

Preserving African American Historic Places National Trust Primer

To help local advocates, especially those individuals new to preservation, preserve African-American historic sites, the National Trust has published a basic primer, *Preserving African American Historic Places*. This 24-page publication presents an overview of traditional preservation networks and their roles, offers tips on how to get preservation underway in your community, and looks at the various legal and financial tools that help protect historic properties. The booklet also includes six case studies to illustrate various strategies for preserving and honoring historic places associated with African-American history. Download the pdf at http://www.preservationnation.org/forum/library/public-articles/PB_AfricanAmericanSites.pdf

National Trust for Historic Preservation Small Grant Program Applications due February 1, June 1, or October 1, 2013

In 2012, the National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded more than \$1 million to nearly 200 projects across the country through its small grant program. The majority of funding comes from the National Trust Preservation Fund which supports preservation planning and educational projects. Nonprofit or-



ganizations and public agencies that are members of the National Trust at the Forum or Main Street level are eligible to apply.

Grants typically range from \$2,500-\$5,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match. This match can be a grant from a foundation or other organization, funds raised from local support, or any other revenue source. The National Trust Preservation Fund is made up of many endowed funds that are specific to states and/or regions, but all applicants use a common application form. There are three annual deadlines for the National Trust Preservation Fund: February 1, June 1, and October 1. There are also special funds with a single deadline each year. Please visit: <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/documents/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.UQFqRR35jkR> . Please contact us to discuss projects, sites, or proposals that you think may qualify.

Study of the Economic Value of Heritage Areas

Heritage areas actively collaborate with local partners to carry out their mission. Along with the goals of cultural, historical, and natural resource protection, heritage area management organizations strive to improve the quality of life in their regions by fostering the development of sustainable economies.

A study, commissioned by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, found that national heritage areas contribute an estimated \$12.9 billion annually to the national economy, 148,000 jobs, and \$1.2 billion annually in federal taxes. The report also noted that the National Heritage Area Program is one of the Department of the Interior's most cost-effective initiatives, in which every dollar of federal funding is matched with an average of \$5.50 in additional public and private funding. Heritage areas have a proven record of fostering job creation and advancing economic, cultural, historic, environmental, and community development.

To read the Economic Impact Study, visit: http://www.nps.gov/heritageareas/The%20Economic%20Impact%20of%20National%20Heritage%20Areas_Final%20Report.pdf.pdf.

Mount Vernon Needs Your Vote! Partners in Preservation Grant Competition

Mount Vernon is a finalist in Partners in Preservation, an exciting grant competition sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and supported by American Express. Twenty-four sites across the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area are competing for a total of \$1 million in funding-- including a \$100,000 grand-prize grant, which will be awarded to the site that wins the most votes. With your help, Mount Vernon can win this funding to support the restoration of George Washington's large dining room, or "new room." You can vote once a day – and every day – from now until May 10. Results will be announced on May 13. Vote here: <https://www.preservedmv.com/competitors/mount-vernon>

Mount Vernon also welcomes you May 4 & 5 for Preservation Weekend, a special celebration of historic preservation, featuring behind-the-scenes tours, guided gallery visits, on-site experts and more-- all included in general admission!