

Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



June 2014 Highlights



Meeting in Dobbs Ferry, New York with Village Administrator Marcus Serrano and members of the Waterfront Committee

News Along the Trail

Phil Correll is retiring on July 31, 2014

After 21 years with the National Park Service, Phil is hanging up his hiking shoes. Most recently, Phil has guided long-term planning for the NHT and the design and development of NY wayside exhibits. The NY project included developing agreements with partners at the 15 sites which have agreed to recognize and commemorate the NHT by installing and caring for the outdoor exhibits. He also managed the cooperative agreement with W3R®-US, the main NHT partner organization. And while doing all of this, he updated the cooperative agreement with the Pinelands Commission for the Pinelands National Reserve's long-term Natural Resource and Economic Monitoring Program. And just to fill in those few extra moments that are not taken up filling day-to-day needs and requests, Phil is also closing out a previous Challenge Cost Share Program project with Family Tyes, Inc. That project piloted an urban fly fishing program for students at a Philadelphia charter school. Prior to bringing his many skills to the NHT, Phil worked with the Financial Assistance/Agreements Team in the NPS Northeast Regional Office. He also managed the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route before moving to the Regional Office in 2011. We will miss Phil's dedication, diligence, and skill in managing partnership projects. Phil will be residing in South Jersey and making frequent trips to Savannah, Georgia, where he has family and a second home. We also hope to see him on the NHT and visiting the many projects he helped make possible.

Education Program

The NPS and W3R®-US continue efforts to update the Washington-Rochambeau NHT display now located in the Independence National Historical Park (INDE) Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. We hope to refresh and enhance this display in cooperation with INDE and our partners. This short-term fix is needed to introduce the NHT to the local community and to inform visitors, school groups, and teachers about the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT.

New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits

Work continues on the development of outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT. Each site will receive two exhibit panels. One will be a site-specific interpretive exhibit linking the site to part of the Washington-Rochambeau story. The second exhibit will be an overall orientation panel about the Washington-Rochambeau NHT with an inset You-Are-Here map showing the locations of the fifteen destinations in New York. We see this partnership project in New York as a prototype for wayside exhibits along the entire 700 mile Washington-Rochambeau NHT. As it stands at the moment, the exhibits should be delivered by the end of 2014. Phil Correll has been managing this draft exhibit review process along with help from Susan Haines and Neil Mackay from our Harpers Ferry Center, each of the fifteen NY destinations, and our historical consultants. Joe and Phil visited Dobbs Ferry in early June with local officials and members of the waterfront committee to view the locations of their Washington-Rochambeau NHT waysides in their waterfront park now under construction.



Joe and Gabriel Gluck, Director of Union County, New Jersey

Signs

There is much interest in “marking” the NHT and pointing out this great asset in communities along the route from Boston, MA, to Virginia Beach, VA. As many of you know, there are clear economic benefits to tourism, preservation, conservation, recreation, trails and parks. We are in the process of developing some guidelines for working with partners interested in marking the route, developing and installing way finding and wayside exhibits, entering into general agreements, providing design guidelines and placement and use of the NHT logo. Joe and Phil also visited with Gabriel Gluck, Director of Union County, New Jersey’s Office of Public Policy and Community Outreach, and we learned more about their signing and education programs and interest in promoting the Washington-Rochambeau story.

Connecticut National Trails Day Events June 7th

June 7th was National Trails Day, and Joe DiBello and Ursula Reed, Chair of W3R®-US, attended events celebrating the NHT and “Connecticut, Still Revolutionary.” Hans DePold, accompanied by Eric de Rochambeau and his wife Camilla, organized a series of events and activities along the NHT that day. Joe and Ursula also attended a W3R®-CT meeting in Lebanon, CT, on June 7, 2014, where Stephen Shaw was elected as the Chair of W3R®-CT. We look forward to working with him and all of the NHT partners in CT.

Partnerships

As you know, the success of the NHT is completely reliant on partnerships. Joe DiBello and Ursula Reed, Chair of W3R®-US, attended a partnership training session hosted by the NPS June 9th at Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia. The session focused on fundraising and assistance available regarding leadership growth and development for both executive directors and for future non-profit leaders.



Larry Gall receiving the French Academic Palms

Presentation of French Academic Palms to Larry Gall on June 20th

Larry Gall, now retired from the NPS, worked on the Special Resource Study for the Washington –Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. His contributions were recognized by the French government, and he was honored by the French Consul in a ceremony in Boston on June 20th. Joe DiBello and Ursula Reed joined a number of Larry’s NPS colleagues, family, and friends in celebration.

Fishkill Supply Depot

The Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot and its project partner, the Town of Fishkill (NY), were just awarded a \$1,200 grant by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA) in sponsorship of a “Greater Fishkill Preservation and Conservation Roundtable” event to be held this fall. Lance Ashworth, President, Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot, said the roundtable will convene a first-ever meeting of all the Fishkill-area groups involved in preservation and conservation. It is hoped that the discussions will lead to future collaborations. Huzzah!

Items of Interest

Registration of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT Logo

We are still in the approval process, and it is now being reviewed in Washington DC. Amanda Jones of the NPS Northeast Regional Office and Helen Scully at NPS headquarters are helping us advance the process of getting the Washington-Rochambeau NHT's official logo listed in the Federal Register. This will help us and our partners when using the logo on signs, publications, exhibits, etc. We have many requests pending for digital files for use by partners.

Planning Ahead

Strategic Plan

Many of you have participated in the early phases of our strategic planning effort, and we now have a draft of 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 NPS planning and action. Peter Iris-Williams, Planner, with the NPS Northeast Regional Office, developed the draft that includes a purpose statement, significance statements, and identifies themes. We hope to share this with you in the near future.

Future Project Funding

We assembled our plan for the NPS Northeast Region Servicewide Comprehensive Call, which is a program that develops and refines our 5-year project funding forecast from 2016-2020. The forecast is accompanied by a projected operating budget over the next five years. Keep in mind that this is merely a projection (or wish list) of what could be done and not a commitment that funds will be provided.

NPS Centennial

The NPS is celebrating its Centennial in 2016. The NPS' Call to Action plan offers tangible, concrete ways for us to work together to transform our organization to make sure that we are ready for a future that is so different from our past. With the arrival of the reconstructed French frigate L'Herminette on its East Coast tour in 2015, we anticipate a great opportunity to reach people to tell them about the NHT and the NPS parks along its journey and stops in Yorktown, D.C., Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston. The ship, assigned to Lafayette, brought him from France to Boston in 1780. Lafayette then met up with General Washington and rejoined his campaign. The Hermionette joined French Admiral de Grasse's fleet for the Battle off the Capes on the lower Chesapeake and the siege at Yorktown. The ship then sailed to Philadelphia in 1781 where the Continental Congress visited and paid tribute to her. We need your ideas on how we can help. Please contact us or share your ideas at <http://nextcenturyforparks.org/centennial/2016-national-park-service-centennial/>

War for Independence Anniversary

2025-2034 will mark the 250th Anniversary of America's War for Independence. The NHT not only highlights an important event, but can also serve as a connection or link to NPS units, heritage areas, state and local parks, trails, recreation areas, museums and many outstanding natural resources along the way.

Items of Interest

Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance (RTCA) from the National Park Service

RTCA helps partners plan successful locally-led outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation projects. NPS staff helps with partnership-building to achieve community-set goals, organizational development, assessing resources, developing concept plans, public education and participation, and identifying potential sources of funding. Information is available online about current efforts across the country. A state or local agency, tribe, non-profit organization, or citizens group can apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their projects with RTCA staff before sending in an application which you get <http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>. Due date: August 1, 2014, for assistance beginning the following fiscal year (October 1 through September 30).

Website and Google Maps of the NHT

Please visit the NPS website, www.nps.gov/waro to learn more about the NHT. To see the Google maps of the NHT auto route, follow this link to the 'Directions' page of the NPS site and click on the desired state. <http://www.nps.gov/waro/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail

This issue of Lewis & Clark NHT's *The Trail Companion* highlights their progress. "Trailsapes: GIS Network", "Volunteers in Action" (a volunteer tracking system), and the "Interactive Trail Atlas" are great examples of activities to which we can aspire. Working together, we can eventually have a volunteer tracking system, GIS mapping and an interactive trail atlas in place. Please click to view: <http://digital.turn-page.com/i/315003>

Revolutionary War Tours

Sal Lilienthal, owner of the Bicycle Tour Company, and Mary Collins, Associate Professor, Central CT State University, prepared a series of revolutionary themed tours in Connecticut. Visit the website and see the CT tours by clicking <http://www.revolutionarybattles.com/>. Sal has also written *Revolutionary Battles: Experience America's Roads to Independence*. In this recently published book, Sal describes a series of bike tours focused on places associated with the American Revolution. He describes these tours (which you can also drive or walk) and the Revolutionary history associated with them in detail. For more info about the book, contact Sal at info@bicycletours.com.

Read about our Revolution

Check out the new *The American Revolution: A Historical Guidebook*. This is an overview of historic places critical to the story of the American Revolution edited by Francis H. Kennedy, Director of The Conservation Fund's Historic Lands Program. It is published by the Oxford University Press, and the proceeds are dedicated to the preservation of historic places.

Common-place: An Interactive Journal of Early American Life

Common-place: An Interactive Journal of Early American Life just published a special issue that includes short essays and videos from the American Revolution Reborn conference held last year in Philadelphia. The issue includes essays from distinguished historians writing about the meaning and significance of the American Revolution and imbedded videos that capture some of the most probing questions and comments from the conference. You can see the special issue here: <http://www.common-place.org/vol-14/no-03/>

Read the Revolution

The Museum of the American Revolution issues Read the Revolution, a biweekly newsletter to inspire learning about the history of the American Revolution and its ongoing relevance. To subscribe to Read the Revolution, visit <http://amrevmuseum.org/read-the-revolution>

To learn more about the Museum's progress and plans for a national museum in Philadelphia that will tell the complete story of the Revolution, visit <http://timelife.americanrevolutioncenter.org/about>

This link is to a noted historical book. You can read some interesting articles by noted historians. http://www.publicbookshelf.com/public_html/The_Great_Republic_By_the_Master_Historians_Vol_II/

And if you'd like to see more articles and videos, please visit: <http://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/american-revolution-history/videos>

National Park Service to award \$1.7 million in grants for maritime history education and preservation projects

The National Park Service, in partnership with the Maritime Administration, has announced the availability of approximately \$1.7 million in grant funding through its Maritime Heritage Program for projects that teach about and/or preserve sites and objects related to our nation's maritime history. Details of the grant program, including the application process, are available online at <http://go.nps.gov/14n1n8>; grant applications will be accepted through September 23, 2014.

The grants are available to state, tribal, and local governments, as well as private non-profit organizations for both education and preservation projects. Education projects will be funded in amounts from \$25,000-\$50,000; preservation projects will be funded in amounts from \$50,000-\$200,000. Education grants can be used for programs such as school curriculum, interpretive programs, and web pages, and preservation grant projects will include the restoration of ships and other maritime resources.

Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site

The Tower of Victory at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site was completed in 1890 as a centennial celebration of the peaceful disbandment of the Continental Army in Newburgh, New York, following the end of the American Revolution. The Tower was commissioned by Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the 16th President, and designed by New York architect John Hemingway Duncan, who was also responsible for Grant's Tomb and Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza. The impressively arched limestone monu-

ment is adorned with bronze statues of Washington and his soldiers and officers in the War of Independence, fashioned by William Rudolf O'Donovan, the most celebrated memorial sculptor of his day (and former Confederate soldier). Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site is the first publicly preserved historic site in the country, acquired by New York State in 1850 and now operated by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. Today, the Tower of Victory stands badly in need of restoration work, and the Palisades Parks Conservancy is in the midst of a public campaign to raise \$1.5 million to save this monument. For more information or to make a contribution, please visit <http://newburghrestoration.com/>

Upcoming Events

Fort Howard, MD

Robert Reyes, representing W3R® –MD (and a number of other activities in MD) organized a meeting of federal, state, local, and private representatives to discuss open space, educational, and public access opportunities that might be available along the Patapsco waterfront. The NPS Chesapeake Bay Program Office hosted the meeting. Joe DiBello attended the June 26, 2014, meeting in Annapolis MD representing the NHT.

PA Forum 2014 Philadelphia PA July 16-20, 2014

FORUM 2014 will bring together the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' biennial training program for local preservation boards and commissions with the Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Heritage/Byways to the Past, July 16-20, 2014, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Plan ahead for a fun-filled and information packed program about historic preservation planning and cultural resource management. Learn more here: <https://classic.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1239917>
<http://www.pennbyways.org/>

Set Sail This Summer Aboard New Jersey's Official Tall Ship

Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area is cosponsoring a series of cruises on the A.J. Meerwald. This is a great opportunity to view the majestic Palisades from the deck of a magnificently restored 1928 two-masted, 115-foot oyster schooner driven by over 3,500 square feet of sail. This is not your typical pleasure cruise! All proceeds benefiting Crossroads of the American Revolution help promote New Jersey's Revolutionary history through public programs, Revolutionary events, and education. Tickets are on sale now for July 17th - July 20th sails. Get your tickets early since trips sell out quickly! <http://www.revolutionarynj.org/set-sail-this-summer-on-the-hudson-river-aboard-new-jerseys-official-tall-ship-july-17th-july-20th/>

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