

# Washington-Rochambeau

## Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



## June 2015 Highlights

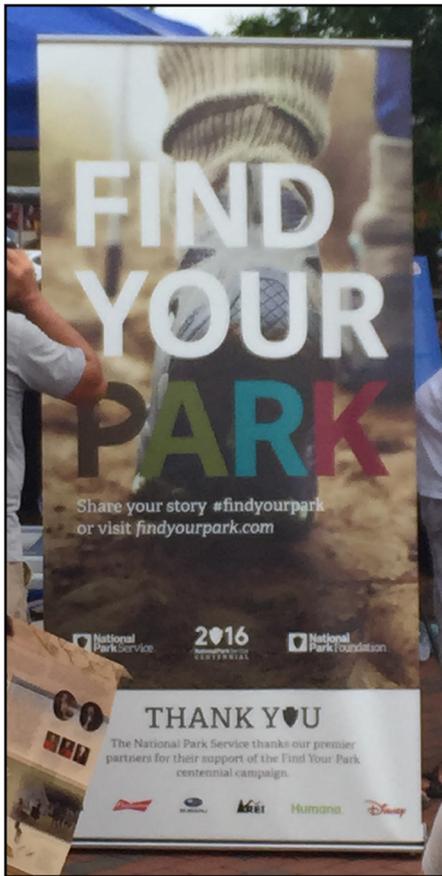


L'Hermione in Yorktown, Virginia

## News Along the Trail

### Happy Independence Day!

The Hermione is sailing up the eastern seaboard after its June 5, 2015 arrival in Yorktown. Many came to view and board her and participate in a range of pier-side activities cultural events, exhibitions, and educational programs that celebrate the trip. The National Parks, especially those with a revolutionary story, are providing support and joining in the portside activities. This is a great opportunity to reach a diverse group and tell them about our National Parks and Programs, the NPS Centennial, the NHT and the many outstanding natural and cultural resources along the way. Many thanks to NPS staff who came out and helped visitors “Find Your Park” and learn about the NHT. Click on the following links **in bold** to see local news clips.



NPS at the L'Hermione event in Annapolis, Maryland

L'Hermione's East Coast Tour is underway at the following ports:

## JUNE

**June 5, 6, 7-Yorktown, VA**

June 10, 11, 12-Alexandria, VA (city dock)

**June 16, 17-Annapolis, MD (city dock)**

**June 19, 20, 21-Baltimore, MD**

June 25, 26, 27, 28-Philadelphia, PA (with Tall Ships America/Independence Seaport)

## JULY

July 1, 2, 3, 4-New York, NY (with educational ships from U.S. east coast)

July 6, 7-Greenport, NY (with Tall Ships America )

*For more details about future events, click on these links!*

July 8, 9-Newport, RI (with Oliver Hazard Perry – Fort Adams)

July 11, 12-Boston, MA – (Rowe's Wharf)

July 14, 15-Castine, ME

July 18-Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

## The NPS, W3R-US and Friends of the Hermione are partners

The National Park Service (NPS) and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Association (W3R-US) have joined the Friends of the Hermione-Lafayette in America, Inc. (FOHLA) as supporting partners. Our collaborative relationship reinforces our common goal of re-living and remembering history. The National Park Service, with its upcoming NPS Centennial, will provide information about the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail and NPS-US sites related to the American Revolution. W3R-US will also focus on the historic American and French Alliance and the campaign over land and by sea that led to the siege at Yorktown. Together, our partnership builds awareness, provides educational programs and creates experiences around the Franco-American alliance at each of the venues the Hermione visits. See more at: <http://hermione2015.com/blog/press/exciting-new-partnership-for-the-national-park-service-w3r-us-and-friends-of-hermione-lafayette-in-america/#sthash.pyGYsgHL.dpuf>

## Welcome Todd Lacy

In cooperation with Independence National Historical Park (INDE), we are pleased to announce that Interpreter Todd Lacy at INDE has been detailed to the WARO NHT for 120 days. During this time, Todd will help us develop a brochure for WARO NHT which adds a map and description of the naval campaign; review brochures, handouts and wayside exhibits prepared by partners; assist with web based communications and social media; develop and present interpretive programs and presentations about the NHT to NPS Staff, tour guides, educators, partners and the general public in anticipation of events; cre-

ate a junior ranger program for the NHT; update and reinstall an exhibit about the NHT in INDE Visitor Center and assist in developing state by state brochures. Todd can be reached by e-mail at [todd\\_lacy@nps.gov](mailto:todd_lacy@nps.gov) or by phone at 215-597-6052.

## **Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Association**

Convened and chaired by Ursula Reed, W3R-US held its annual meeting in Philadelphia on June 25th in concert with the arrival of the Hermione. Dr. Robert Selig opened the day with a public lecture entitled “Land and Water Along the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route”. The W3R members then attended their annual meeting at City Tavern. The group returned to the Independence Seaport Museum to greet the Hermione as she docked for her stay in Philadelphia.

## **New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits**

The outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT are in fabrication. Our Harpers Ferry Center is providing us with technical assistance and managing this project for us. We are making arrangements to have the signs shipped and each site will receive two exhibit panels. We will provide a detailed delivery schedule to you soon. 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. This partnership project in New York will be a prototype for wayside exhibits along the entire Washington-Rochambeau NHT.

## **Exhibition at the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati in Washington D.C.**

Lafayette and L’Hermione: Symbols of French-American Friendship Exhibit can be seen April 3rd to September 6th, 2015. The exhibition Lafayette and L’Hermione examines Lafayette, the French alliance, the role of the French army and navy in America, and the twenty-one year project to reconstruct the vessel that carried the young marquis back to America with the news. Please visit <http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/exhibit/current> to read more and see highlights from the exhibition.

## **Biking Connecticut**

On Sunday, August 16th, Stephen Shaw (Sons of the American Revolution/Society of the Cincinnati) and Sal Lilienthal (Director/Owner, Bicycle Tour Company) are cycling W3R across Connecticut from Sterling to Ridgefield, 118 miles to promote the Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail. Contact Sal Lilienthal at [explore@Revolutionarybattles.com](mailto:explore@Revolutionarybattles.com)

## 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. In the summer of 1781, General George Washington faced a crossroads. The Continental Army's resources were depleted; its soldiers disheartened. Two options lay before Washington: attempt to reclaim New York, or head south to defeat a British stronghold in Yorktown. Jack Kelly's book *Band of Giants* describes the circumstances surrounding Washington's important decision to march his troops to Virginia. The successful Siege of Yorktown would break Britain's will to continue the war, although it would be two more years until the final peace treaty was signed. 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 <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>.

## The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered by Laura Auricchio

On June 16 at 6pm at the, Society of the Cincinnati, Laura Auricchio discussed her book *The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2014). Dr. Auricchio is school dean of the New School. She teaches art history, specializing in 18th and 19th-century French and American history, art history, and visual culture. The Marquis de Lafayette ... Read More<volunteered to fight under George Washington in the American Revolution at the age of nineteen. Americans viewed him as a hero of the war, but, as Dr. Auricchio discovers in *The Marquis*, Lafayette was a complicated man driven by dreams of glory and felled by tragic, human weakness. This new biography reveals the complex life of Lafayette and examines why he is still revered in America today. This program was held in conjunction with the current exhibition *Lafayette & L'Hermione: Symbols of French-American Friendship* (open through September 6). For more info visit <http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/events/public>.

## NPS Community Planning Help

The NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is accepting applications through August 1 for help with a wide range of community-led projects. National Park Service staff can help local leaders develop close-to-home parks and greenways, help with community-led visioning, planning, and design, facilitate public involvement, build sustainable partnerships, engage youth through outdoor recreation skill-building and conservation stewardship and plan for trails, landscape conservation, water trails, river restoration, green transportation, and tourism. Can we help? Find out by first reviewing the application process and exploring current projects in your state. Then call or e-mail a NPS site near you or call or email a National Park Service staff member to discuss your idea. Please let them know by July 15 if you intend to submit an application by the August 1 due date.

For more information on the program: <http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/whatwedo.htm>

Information on the application process here: <http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>

Current Project list by state here: <http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/community-projects.htm>

Or contact NPS here: <http://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/contactus.htm>

## Have a great idea for a project and need some matching funds?

The **application period** for the FY 2016 NPS Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Challenge Cost Share program is **July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015**. Challenge Cost Share projects are as diverse as our national parks. This year we are looking for projects that serve parks and promote bold innovation in one or more of three thematic categories ; Urban Outreach, Youth Engagement and Connecting People to the Outdoors. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners. NPS staff will submit the online application and the NPS partner will receive the funds for the proposed project. NPS administered areas including National Parks, National Trails, and Wild and Scenic Rivers are illegible. The online application and addition information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/>.

## Find Your Park (or your Trail, River, Heritage Area...)

In advance of next year's National Park Service Centennial, the Park Service (<http://www.nps.gov/index.htm>) and the National Park Foundation (<http://www.nationalparks.org/>) kicked off a nationwide campaign to encourage people to learn about and connect with the 407 national parks by launching a one-of-a-kind interactive installation that invites them to share their stories about their favorite parks and discover new parks and public lands they might want to visit. This marks the beginning of the Find Your Park campaign to educate people about and connect them to their national parks in preparation for next year's National Park Service Centennial celebration. See more here: <http://www.findyourpark.com/>.

## About the National Park Service

More than 20,000 National Park Service employees help care for America's National Parks, Heritage Areas, Trails, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and other affiliated, related areas and programs. They work with communities across the nation to preserve natural resources and our shared cultural heritage and to create close-to-home recreational and educational opportunities. Visit us at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), on Facebook [www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice](http://www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice), Twitter [www.twitter.com/natlparbservice](http://www.twitter.com/natlparbservice), and YouTube [www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice](http://www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice)