



Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail

May 2013



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News Along the Trail

On May 9, the W3R®-**Delaware** in conjunction with the Alliance Francaise Delaware and the Delaware Military Academy hosted the French Embassy Consul General, Monsieur Oliver Serot Almeras. The event paid 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. This marks the 230th anniversary of the Cavalry departure in May of 1783.

The event featured Cadets at the Academy, Delaware Congressional Delegation, State and County Legislators, as well as the W3R®-US Chair, Ursula Reed and the NPS represented by Joe DiBello. Also in attendance was a unit of WWII Veterans from Delaware who served in France in 1944-45, escorted by American Legion Post 25 of Middletown, Delaware. 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. See more about the event in this article: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20130528/NEWS/305280049/Revolutionary-War-trail-honors-Delaware-s-French-connection>

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The Washington-Rochambeau exhibit has returned from Valley Forge to the Independence Visitor Center at 6th and Market, Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania**. A special thanks to Superintendents Cindy MacLeod and Kate Hammond and their teams for making it possible. The Independence NHP crew was led by Chuck Gorman, and included Mike Carbonaro and Mike Doveton. The Valley Forge NHP team was led by Ron Boice and joined by Matt Rovnan. Their willingness, know-how, and “can do” spirit made it happen. A big “Huzzah” to each of them! The WARO passport stamps are also now available at the Independence Visitor Center and the Independence bookstore at the Pemberton House on Chestnut Street.



Left to Right: Matt Rovnan, Ron Boice, Chuck Gorman, Mike Carbonaro, and Mike Doveton.

On June 15th, Alan Hoffman, Esq., President of the American Friends of Lafayette, will give a presentation entitled, “Lafayette visits Philadelphia and the Fairmount Water Works in 124 & 1825: Odyssey of an American Icon.” The event will begin at 4pm at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, located at 640 Water Works Drive, Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania** 19130. A reception will follow. The event is being sponsored by the American Friends of Lafayette (AFL), The National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc (W3R-US), The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Inc. (W3R-PA), and the National Park Service. For more information please contact Ursula Reed, Chair, W3R-US at ureed@earthlink.net.

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, NPS, 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 updated schedule has a tentative date for the wayside exhibits to be ready in the early months of 2014. We are working with the communities in NY and the Hudson Greenway on the placement and installation of the signage.

Hans DePold (W3R-CT) shared this National Trails Day reminder with us. This year there are a record 359 **Connecticut** Trails day events with a record 152



of Connecticut's 169 towns participating. The 2013 Trails Day Brochure lists five W3R®- NHT events being held. Page 4 of the brochure shows that the W3R® National Historic Trail goes through 24 CT Towns. Events were held in Bolton, Coventry, Andover, Columbia, Southbury, and Lebanon. To see more: http://www.ctwoodlands.org/sites/default/files/2013%20CT%20Trails%20Day%20Booklet%20-%20Low%20Res_o.pdf

The **Maryland** DNR Trails webpage has just been updated with timely information about trails, bike/ped master plans, rules and regulations, and signs of the times. Please check it out and share with your friends at: http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/land/MD_Trails/Trails_in_MD.asp. The NHT is listed. If you have an event coming up, feel free to contact Steve Carr at scarr@dnr.state.md.us, and he will try and get it posted on their pages at Twitter and Facebook. Also, visit the Celebrate **Maryland** Outdoors Days website and enter your events that are happening between June 8 and 22. F <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/cin/CMO/>.

Tickets are on sale for the Alpine Basin Sails on the Majestic A.J. Meerwald on July 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area in **New Jersey** is again cosponsoring a series of cruises on the beautiful Hudson River. This is a great opportunity to view the majestic Palisades or tour the Raritan Bay from the deck of a magnificently restored 1928 two-masted, 115-foot oyster schooner driven by over 3,500 square feet of sail. The event webpage is: <http://www.revolutionarynj.org/event/a-j-meerwald-sails-cruises-on-the-hudson-river/>

On May 16, Historian Dr. Robert Selig and Archaeologist Wade Catts discussed the findings of the Battle of Princeton Mapping Project in **New Jersey**, the subsequent revelations, and questions that remain. Kip Cherry provided a quick review of Princeton as a British Garrison before the Battle and the months following the Battle, a critical turning point of the American Revolution, and the pension application of a soldier named Jebez Flint.

Nicole Yancey, the NHT liaison in **Virginia**, has initiated discussions with the state and communities to introduce the NHT and explore its use as a connector and tourism promotion tool. We contacted staff at VADCNR, VDOT, Virginia tourism corporation, and others to discuss possibilities of linking revolutionary sites along the corridor in the state. We are also working with Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail to review plans for Route 1, coordinate signs and displays at Mason Neck and Meadowood, develop an event or program with Wounded Warriors, and explore other opportunities for coordinating trail planning and interpretation in Virginia.

We are still waiting word on two American Revolution Grant Applications submitted to the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) for Virginia sites. One by Gloucester County, Virginia's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism is seeking funding to evaluate resources associated with Gloucester Point, Virginia and the 1781 Battle of the Hook. The other by the Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department focused on the 1781 Battle off the Capes. There are also signs along the NHT in VA marking the NHT route, and we are trying to learn more about trail activities. Please let us know if you have any interest or ideas.



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. Peter Iris-Williams, NPS planner with the Northeast Region, is working with us and leading the effort. We have developed an outline, drafted the purpose and significance statements, and are gathering and mapping resource information. We will share material with you as it is developed, and we look forward to your participation.

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 General Agreement 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 if additional funding becomes available.

We are continuing move ahead cautiously in these times of budget 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. This year's National Park Service 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, state resource studies, state brochures, a wayfinding sign system, creating a NHT guidebook, documentary video, cell phone tours, and supporting events and preservation activities. Please let us know if you have suggestions or opportunities for us to work together.

Speaking of planning ahead, 2025-2033 will mark the 250th Anniversary of America's War for Independence. The American Revolution is a national and international story that has broad educational and tourism interest. The Washington-Rochambeau NHT not only highlights an important revolutionary 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. We can work together and plan ahead to create a spectacular commemoration.



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 desired 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

National Trails Day

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Day is the country's largest celebration of trails. On June 1 thousands of NTD activities will take place all over the country. Events include hikes, biking and horseback rides, paddling trips, birdwatching, geocaching, gear demonstrations, stewardship projects, and more. To find an event in your area, please visit: <http://www.americanhiking.org/ntd-events/>.

The New Jersey Pinelands & the Revolutionary War

June 12th, 7pm

PPA's Offices 17 Pemberton Rd, Southampton, New Jersey
Joe Laufer, Burlington County Historian will chronicle the people, places, and events of the New Jersey Pinelands that played critical and strategic roles in the nation's war for freedom. Learn about the privateers and smugglers at Little Egg



Harbor along the Mullica River and the October 1778 clash at Chestnut Neck; the roles of Count Casimir Pulaski and Benedict Arnold, the Osborn Island Incident; and other stories. Cost is \$10/person. Space is limited, registration required, call Tom at 609-859-8860 x14 or email tomdunn@pinelandsalliance.org. You can also register online here: https://www3777.ssldomain.com/pinelandsalliance/shopcart/products_by_category.php?catId=39&adv_cat=PINELANDS%20HERITAGE%20SERIES

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>

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

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.

Study of the Economic Value of Heritage Areas

Heritage areas, like the National Trails, 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. This is a goal similar to that of many of the National Trails.

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. We surmise that National Trails have similar impacts.

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