

Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



May 2015 Highlights



W3R-US Memorial Day Event in Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Photograph courtesy of Ursula Reed, Chair, W3R-US

News Along the Trail

Save the Dates! L'Hermione Voyage 2015

As the Hermione moves up the eastern seaboard this spring and summer, it will be accompanied by a range of pier-side activities. These include, in some ports, a traveling exhibition and a heritage village that will be accessible to the public. The Hermione Voyage 2015 is part of an expansive outreach program with cultural events, exhibitions, and educational programs that celebrate the trip and mark its progress. A robust digital activation for the voyage expands the reach of the project to millions of people. Thanks to support from the Northeast Region, we are providing funding to develop a mobile NPS display, provide publications and educational materials, and hope to have roving interpreters at ports where L'Hermione will dock. This is a great opportunity to reach a diverse group and tell them about not only the NHT, but all of our National Parks and Programs, the NPS Centennial and the many outstanding natural and

cultural resources along the way. Click on the links to see more details about the events and activities planned in each city. We hope to see you dockside later this year!

L’Hermoine’s East Coast Tour will stop at the following ports:

JUNE

June 5, 6, 7-Yorktown, VA

June 9-Mount Vernon, VA (ship at anchor)

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

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

June 19, 20, 21-Baltimore, MD (adjacent to USS Constellation & Pride of Baltimore)

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)

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>

Tall Ships and Hermione Sailing the Delaware

The tall ships and the Hermione will be docked in Philadelphia from June 25-28. W3R US will celebrate the six year anniversary of the designation of the NHT and hold its 2015 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia on June 25th. A morning program featuring a presentation by Dr. Robert Selig, open to the public, is

planned at the Independence Seaport Museum in Philadelphia in anticipation of the afternoon arrival of the ships. The NHT, Independence National Historical Park, Valley Forge National Historical Park and First State National Park (based in New Castle DE) are exploring opportunities to showcase NPS and share our stories with visitors to the event. Learn more about First State National Park <http://www.nps.gov/frst/index.htm>. Those paddling with the Delaware River Sojourn will also be spending their last two days in the Tidal Delaware while the ships are here. For more information on the sojourn visit Delaware-RiverSojourn.org. We are also working with Fort Mifflin and the Schuylkill River National Heritage Area to maximize this opportunity to share our heritage.

New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits

The outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT are being fabricated. 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 by the end of June. Sooner if possible! 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. This partnership project in New York will be a prototype for wayside exhibits along the entire Washington-Rochambeau NHT.

Path Through History Weekend in New York

In 2012 Governor Cuomo unveiled New York’s “Path Through History,” a statewide initiative that links historically and culturally significant sites, locations and events throughout New York State. This effort to highlight our rich heritage aims to not only showcase the state’s history and cultural significance, but also promote tourism and economic development in communities across the State. The Path Through History Weekend will be held this year on June 20- 21. If your organization is holding an event during this time frame that connects with New York history, we encourage you to participate. Click here to see more about revolutionary sites in NY: <http://www.iloveny.com/paththroughhistoryweekend/#.VWuUdvlViko>

Exhibition at the Anderson House in Washington D.C.

Lafayette and L’Hermione: Symbols of French-American Friendship Exhibit can be seen April 3rd to September 6th, 2015. In the summer of 2015, a replica of the frigate L’Hermione—which carried the marquis de Lafayette back to America with the news that France would send troops to support the revolutionaries—will visit Yorktown and Alexandria in Virginia before sailing to Annapolis, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Long Island, Newport, and Boston. 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.

“Ship of all Trades: The *Hermione* in Virginia Waters, 1781-82”

by Dr. Robert A. Selig

Dr. Robert Selig will offer a free public lecture called “Ship of all Trades: The *Hermione* in Virginia Waters, 1781-82” on June 6, 2015 at 3:00 pm. The lecture will take place at York Hall, in the 2nd Floor Board room, at 301 Main Street, Yorktown, Virginia 23690. The French frigate *Hermione* is best known for her role in taking the Marquis de Lafayette to the United States in the spring of 1780. However, her many other contributions to the siege of Yorktown and victory in the American War of Independence are virtually unknown and unrecognized. This public presentation will highlight some of the diverse tasks performed by the *Hermione* in 1781 and prior to her return to France in January 1782. Tickets are not required, but seating is limited. The event is sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. For more information, please call 757-890-3508.

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 <http://timelife.americanrevolutioncenter.org/> about about the March to Victory: Washington Rochambeau and the Yorktown Campaign of 1781.

March to Victory: Washington Rochambeau and the Yorktown Campaign of 1781

March to Victory: Washington Rochambeau and the Yorktown Campaign of 1781 was recently reprinted and released to the public. This is Dr. Robert Selig’s concise historical narrative that explains the entire Yorktown campaign that led to the final victory in the Revolutionary War. It’s available at <http://www.amazon.com/March-victory-Washington-Rochambeau-Yorktown/dp/B003ARSN9A>

Dr.Selig recently completed his latest publication “Rochambeau in New Jersey: The Good French Ally” in: *The American Revolution in New Jersey: Where the Battlefield Meets the Home Front* edited by James J. Gigantino II (New Brunswick: Rutgers U Press, 2015), pp. 85-105.

The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered by Laura Auricchio

On June 16 at 6pm at the Anderson House, Society of the Cincinnati, Laura Auricchio discusses and signs copies of 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. Copies of the book will be available for purchase, and a book signing will follow the lecture. Light refreshments will be served. This program is 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>

Tall Ship L'Hermione: Lafayette's 1780 Voyage to America

Enjoy a presentation by Miles Young, President of Friends of Hermione-Lafayette in America Worldwide Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Ogilvy & Mather at an afternoon tea on June 7, 2015 from 3-5 P.M. at the Kalmar Nickel's Copeland Maritime Center, 1124 E. 7th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. The cost is \$35 per person and RSVP is required. For More Information Please e-mail GeoWashingtonSoc@aol.com or call Kim Burdick, President (302) 543-5723. for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/George-Washington-Society/140896772630326>

15th Biennial National Scenic and Historic Trails Conference in Franklin, Tennessee

The Natchez Trace Parkway Association and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association will host this year's conference themed, "Find Your Trail: Planning and Making Pathways into the 21st Century". Saturday, June 27, 2015 - Wednesday, July 1, 2015 in Franklin, Tennessee. To learn more and register, visit The Partnership for the National Trails System website at <http://pntrails.org/new/2015conference/>

Planning Assistance

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>

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, on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice, Twitter www.twitter.com/natl parkservice, and YouTube www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice