

Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



January 2015 Highlights



News Along the Trail

Superintendent Dan Smith of Colonial National Historic Park Has Retired

As you all know, Dan Smith, Superintendent of Colonial National Historic Park, retired and we will miss him. Before leaving us, Dan, an ardent supporter of the NPS and the NHT, enabled the creation of a beautiful panel commemorating the Battle of the Capes. We can look forward to seeing him again at its unveiling and in concert with the arrival of the Hermione in Yorktown in June of 2015.

Fishkill Supply Depot

An FY16 Land and Water Conservation Fund proposal was prepared in collaboration with Friends of Fishkill Supply depot by the National Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association, Inc. and the Partnership for the National Trails System. For information and photos about Fishkill Depot and this project, see their website at <http://www.fishkillsupplydepot.org/>

New York Outdoor Wayside Exhibits

Work on the development of outdoor wayside exhibits for fifteen sites in New York selected as destinations for the Washington-Rochambeau NHT has resumed. Phil Correll (Emeritus Volunteer) helped us collect the final comments and Paul Kenney organized them and submitted them to our Harpers Ferry

Center (Susan Haines) who are providing us with technical assistance and managing this project for us. The final edits were conveyed to the contractor. We will prepare a detailed schedule for you as soon as we hear back. We know you are anxiously waiting to have the waysides developed and shipped to you for installation. We hope they will be delivered in time for installation by early summer of 2015. 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 Washington-Rochambeau NHT.

Hudson River Valley NHA 2015 Heritage Development Grant

Deadline is 4:00 PM, Friday, February 6, 2015

The mission of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area program is to recognize, preserve, protect and interpret the nationally significant cultural and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley for the benefit of the Nation.

The goals include:

- Freedom and Dignity (Colonial Period, Revolutionary War, Social and Political Issues, Great Americans);
- Nature and Culture (Landscapes and Gardens, Architecture, Art and Artists, Hudson River School, Parks and Environment); and
- Corridor of Commerce (Transportation, Industry and Commerce).

The HRVNHA has established this grant program to fund projects that further the goals and mission of the HRVNHA. These grants are intended to provide seed money to organizations for the purposes of: programming, interpretation and marketing that support the mutual goals of the HRVNHA and applicants. A total of \$50,000 is available through this grant program. A 1:1 local match is required, and may be provided in the form of in-kind or monetary contributions. The grant guidelines are located at http://hudson-greenway.ny.gov/Libraries/PDF_s/2015_Heritage_Development_Grant_Guidelines_FINAL.sflb.ashx The application is located here http://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/Libraries/PDF_s/2015_Heritage_Development_Grant_Application_FINAL_Fillable.sflb.ashx Applications may also be requested by calling (518) 473-3835, or by emailing the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area hrvg@hudsongreenway.ny.gov

First State National Historical Park

Congress authorized the renaming and expansion of the First State National Monument in December 2014. Ethan McKinley was selected as the new superintendent after Russ Smith’s recent retirement. Superintendent McKinley has a degree in international business and French from the University of Denver and specializes in strategic planning, financial analysis, program management, and public-private partnerships. You can see an article about Ethan <http://www.wdde.org/71709-state-natl-park-superintendent> and learn more about First State National Park <http://www.nps.gov/frst/index.htm>

L'Hermione

The arrival of the reconstructed French frigate L'Herminette, on its East Coast tour in 2015, is a great opportunity to reach people and tell them about the NHT along her journey. L'Herminette will stop in Yorktown, Virginia (June 5-7), Mount Vernon, Virginia (June 9), Alexandria, Virginia (June 10-11), Annapolis, Maryland (June 15-17), Baltimore, Maryland (June 19-21), Fort Mifflin, Pennsylvania (June 25), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with Tall Ships America (June 26-28), New York with Tall Ships America (July 2-4), Greenport, New York (July 6-7), Newport, Rhode Island with Tall Ships (July 8-9) Boston, Massachusetts (July 11-12), and Castine, Maine (July 14-15). 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 Herminette 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.

NPS, the Washington-Rochambeau NHT and W3R-US will be joining the Friends of Herminette-Lafayette in America as strategic partners and we are working to see how we can work together to maximize this tremendous opportunity to reach the hundreds of thousands of visitors that will see the Herminette. This a great opportunity to showcase not only the NHT, but all of our National Parks and Programs, the NPS Centennial, heritage areas, trails, recreation areas, museums, state and local parks, the many outstanding natural and cultural resources along the way. Please contact Paul Kenney with expressions of interest, questions or ideas at paul_kenney@nps.gov or call 215-597-5823.

National Endowment for the Arts and National Park Service Team Up

"Art is the child of Nature," said American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. A new grant initiative created in partnership by the NEA and the National Park Service celebrates the intersections between the two in honor of the NEA's 50th anniversary in 2015 and the National Park Service's centennial in 2016. "Imagine Your Parks" will provide \$1 million in funding through the NEA Art Works grant category to projects that use the arts to engage people with memorable places and landscapes of the National Park System. The National Park System includes not only national parks, but also national historic sites, trails, rivers, seashores, landmarks and national monuments, heritage areas, preserves, battlefields, recreation areas, and more.

"Imagine Your Parks" will support art projects that encourage the creation of and greater public engagement with art about the National Park System. Funding will encourage partnerships with park areas or programs. "Imagine Your Parks" will also support projects that promote public engagement in urban environments, or that engage younger generations with the National Park System. Projects may take place at and around the National Park System, or may take place elsewhere in the United States with a focus on the work and mission of the National Park Service. "Imagine Your Parks" is funded through the NEA Art Works grant category, and guidelines are available at <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/nea-nps-funding-collaboration>. Projects in all art disciplines are eligible for consideration for the "Imagine Your Parks" funding. Please let us know if you are interested in preparing a proposal related to the NHT and we will help you.

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>

National Trails System Meeting in Washington D.C. on February 8-10

Paul Kenney will be representing the NHT on February 9 and 10th at the National Trail meeting in Washington D.C. The National trails System interagency meeting will address volunteer and youth engagement, national trail system issues and opportunities, interagency coordination and landscape conservation. These meetings are concurrent with the Partnership for the National Trails System meeting also taking place in Washington D.C. that week.

Museum Docent Recruitment

Do you have a passion for American history, historic sites, or the decorative arts? Would you like to share your passion with others? The Society of the Cincinnati has an immediate need for volunteer museum docents. Docents create a memorable and enlightening experience for visitors of all ages by leading guided tours of the Society's headquarters, Anderson House. Through this historic house museum, completed in 1905 in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C., the Society interprets the significance of the achievement of American independence and the creation of the Society in 1783, as well as the lives of the home's first owners, Larz and Isabel Anderson. The Society will expand its museum hours in May, and we are looking for volunteers to serve our new visitors. Available shifts are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. Docents serve two weekday shifts or one weekend shift per month. Training is provided, as well as continuing education and fellowship opportunities through field trips and lectures.

For more information and to apply to be a museum docent, please contact Kendall Casey, museum education manager, at kcasey@societyofthecincinnati.org or 202.495.7127. Learn more about the Society and here: <http://www.societyofthecincinnati.org/>

Daughters of the American Revolution in Landsdowne, PA

On February 21, Paul Kenney will present a talk on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route NHT at the Lansdowne library in Landsdowne, Pennsylvania at the request of area chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Treaty of Paris

The new Treaty of Paris Center at the Maryland Inn has a monthly open house that focuses on the important history that took place in Annapolis during the 1783-87 Treaty of Paris Period—the time between the end of the Revolutionary War and the Constitutional Convention—when Congress was here, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe served as delegates, George Washington retired from the Army, the Treaty of Paris was ratified, Jefferson was appointed to serve as a minister to France, and James Madison and Alexander Hamilton led the 1786 Annapolis Convention's call for a new Constitution. Admission to the Treaty of Paris Center is free! For more information visit: <http://www.treatyofpariscenter.org/>

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