

# American Battlefield Protection Program

## Battlefield Preservation Planning Grant Awards (2019)

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) has awarded 16 Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants totaling \$1.17 million to assist in the preservation and protection of America's battlefields. The funds will support a variety of projects at conflict sites in 10 states.

This year's grants provide funding for projects at endangered battlefields from the Spanish contact period, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, and World War II. Funded projects include archeology, battlefield mapping, cultural resource survey work, documentation, planning, education, and interpretation.

The Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants fund projects conducted by state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. ABPP's mission is to safeguard and preserve significant American battlefields for present and future generations as symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage. Since 1990, ABPP and its partners have helped to protect and enhance battlefields through 620 projects in 42 states and territories.

Brief descriptions of each grant project follow, listed by grant recipient.  
(**Note:** states indicate location of grant project.)

### LAMAR Institute, Inc.

#### Georgia

**\$95,887.84**

This project will conduct historical and archeological investigation to locate and delineate the boundaries of the Civil War Ruff's Mill Battlefield. Part of the Smyrna line, the Confederate defenses at Ruff's Mill were constructed in part by enslaved African Americans in the summer of 1864. A Union assault occurred on the evening of July 4th, and forced the Confederates to abandon the entire defensive line.

### American Battlefield Trust

#### National scope

**\$55,000.00**

This project will develop a guidebook for how to start and maintain a battlefield friends group. By helping to facilitate the formation and sustenance of local collaborative groups in battlefield communities throughout the country, this guidebook is intended to directly benefit the battlefields which these groups currently seek to protect. Topics in the guidebook will include membership recruitment, volunteer management, coalition building, and more.

### Maryland Department of Natural Resources

#### Maryland

**\$55,000.00**

This project will research and design new exhibits for the Fort Frederick Visitor Center. Built in response to British General Edward Braddock's defeat at the hands of the French and their Native allies in 1755, and part of a larger system of forts on what was then considered the frontier, Fort Frederick was a staging area for sorties during the Seven Years War. The fort was also used as a prison by patriot forces during the American Revolution.

## **Preservation Maryland**

### **Maryland**

**\$60,000.00**

This project will create a land protection plan and build public consensus around preservation of the Civil War Falling Waters Battlefield. Following its defeat at Gettysburg in July of 1863, the Confederate Army narrowly escaped capture by crossing the Potomac River at numerous key points, but primarily at Falling Waters. On July 14th, Union cavalry attacked a large rear-guard of Confederates, capturing more than 500 men, and mortally wounding the Confederate General J. Johnston Pettigrew.

## **East Carolina University**

### **Republic of the Marshall Islands**

**\$99,568.00**

This project will conduct an archaeological resource survey in the submerged areas of the World War II Kwajalein Atoll Battlefield. The American assault on Kwajalein in late January and early February of 1944, was the first to take a pre-war Japanese territory. The island was used after the battle as a staging area for the campaigns against Wake Island and the Mariana Islands.

## **North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

### **North Carolina**

**\$32,375.00**

This project will research the history and map the locations of the United States Colored Troops at 20 battlefields in North Carolina. Focused primarily on Union General William Tecumseh Sherman's Carolina Campaign of 1865, the goal is to better understand the impact of US Colored Troops on the battlefield, and the final stages of the American Civil War.

## **Pueblo of Isleta**

### **New Mexico**

**\$91,815.00**

This project will conduct an archaeological investigation of two sites associated with 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century Pueblo-Spanish conflicts. By investigating the Pottery Mound and Sevilleta sites through a larger community-based, cultural preservation approach, this research will help to document the Native point of view for this critical period in Pueblo history.

## **Fort Ticonderoga Association**

### **New York**

**\$69,876.00**

This project will develop a historical survey of the Carillon Battlefield, create a landscape condition assessment and vegetation management plan, and develop a protocol to respond to the potential future discovery of human remains. Fort Carillon (later renamed Fort Ticonderoga by the British in 1759), was a series of defensive works erected by the French during the Seven Years War. Although outnumbered almost 4 to 1, the French forces under the Marquis de Montcalm defeated British troops under General James Abercrombie in June of 1758.

## **New York Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation**

### **New York**

**\$50,000.00**

This project will perform a cultural resource survey of the Horse Island section of the War of 1812 Sacket's Harbor Battlefield. Attempting to destroy the American shipyard at Sacket's Harbor in May of 1813, a combined force of British and Canadian troops landed on the Island and attacked. After three hours of battle, British forces retreated back over the Island.

## **Research Foundation for the State University of New York**

### **New York**

**\$76,757.00**

This project will research and use GIS to identify and map key locations of the Revolutionary War Oneida Castle Battlefield. Part of a larger Loyalist campaign against Patriot settlements in New York, British forces - led by Mohawk ally Joseph Brant - attacked the town in an attempt to convince the Oneida to break their alliance with the United States.

## **Chester County**

### **Pennsylvania**

**\$90,000.00**

This project will research and map troop movements in the eastern portion of the Brandywine Battlefield. One of the largest battles of the American Revolution, this engagement began when General Wilhelm von Knyphausen led British and Hessian troops against American positions at Brandywine Creek on September 11, 1777. Ultimately an American defeat, this battle as well as events at Saratoga and Monmouth swayed France to become ally to the American cause.

## **Temple University**

### **National scope**

**\$150,659.00**

This project will produce a legislative and administrative history of battlefield preservation efforts in the Federal Government. By understanding the historical roots and development of battlefield preservation in the United States, this project hopes to give context to battlefield preservation programs, while engaging with preservation experts to better understand past, current, and future preservation goals.

## **University of South Carolina**

### **South Carolina**

**\$32,431.00**

This project will update National Landmark and National Register Nominations for the Revolutionary War Battle of Camden. An American defeat in August of 1781, this battle saw British troops under Lord Cornwallis outflank and route the militia of General Horatio Gates Continental Army. Gates, who had previously been the leader of American forces at the Battle of Saratoga, would not lead another army into the field for the rest of the war.

### **Great Bridge Battlefield Foundation**

**Virginia**

**\$63,500.00**

This project will produce a 10 minute video about the Battle of Great Bridge. The first land battle in Virginia during the American Revolution, Patriot forces fought British troops in December of 1775, over the supply road to Norfolk, Virginia. The Patriot victory helped to encourage Virginia to declare Independence, and form its own army and navy.

### **University of Wisconsin**

**Minnesota**

**\$99,980.00**

This project will digitize historic documents, photographs, and maps to help develop a website dedicated to the events at Battle Hollow. One of the largest recorded conflict between Dakota and Ojibwe peoples, this battle was part of a larger struggle to secure dominance in the fur trade in 1839.

### **Fort Phil Kearney Bozeman Trail Association**

**Wyoming**

**\$49,629.00**

This project will conduct a LIDAR survey of three battlefields of Red Cloud's War that took place between 1866 and 1877. The analysis objective is to accurately locate and map all known features associated with the Fetterman Battle, Crazy Woman Battle, and Cantonment Reno.