

Washington-Rochambeau

Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail



February 2014 Highlights



Lanny Patten, W3R-PA, and Ursula Reed, Chair W3R-US, with an official NHT banner at the Holy Family U. North Philadelphia History Fair event October 2013.

Hike the Hill

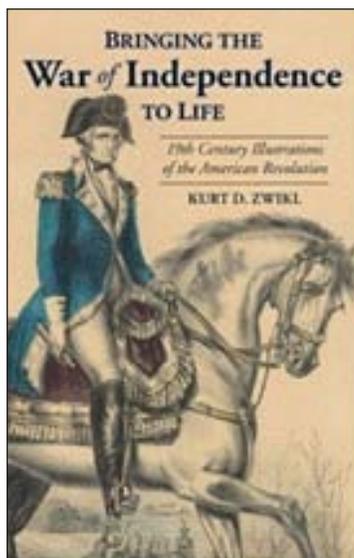
The American Hiking Society and the Partnership for the National Trails System cosponsored “Hike the Hill” gathering on February 8-13 in Washington, DC. Trail advocates from across the country attend to share information with and learn from their colleagues. Ursula Reed, Chair, W3R®-US, attended the sessions and represented the W3R®-US. While the private advocates gathered, federal trail administrators and managers also met to discuss interagency issues and provide updates. Joe DiBello attended the NPS National Trails staff meeting on February 10th and the U.S. Department of the Interior agency meeting in the afternoon. Joe also joined the NPS hike led by Don Briggs, Superintendent of Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, on a tour of a portion of the DC Fort Circle Trail. A retirement dinner for Steve Elkinton, who led the National Trails Program for NPS, was held the evening of February 12.

Maryland Route Recons

Two components of the Phase 2 “Cultural Resource Survey of Land and Water Based Route Reconnaissance for the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail in the State of Maryland” were recently completed by consulting historian Dr. Robert Selig. One report looked at Western Maryland and the Eastern Shore. The second study report looked at surviving resources within the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area of Prince George’s County. The studies were

coordinated by W3R®-MD President Robert Reyes and Ellen von Karajan of the Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell's Point, Inc. (The Preservation Society) as the key partner for the Maryland Chapter of the W3R®-US. Funding was provided through the Preservation Maryland Heritage Fund and Maryland Milestones, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area with matching support from the National Park Service through a Challenge Cost Share Program grant awarded to the W3R®-US.

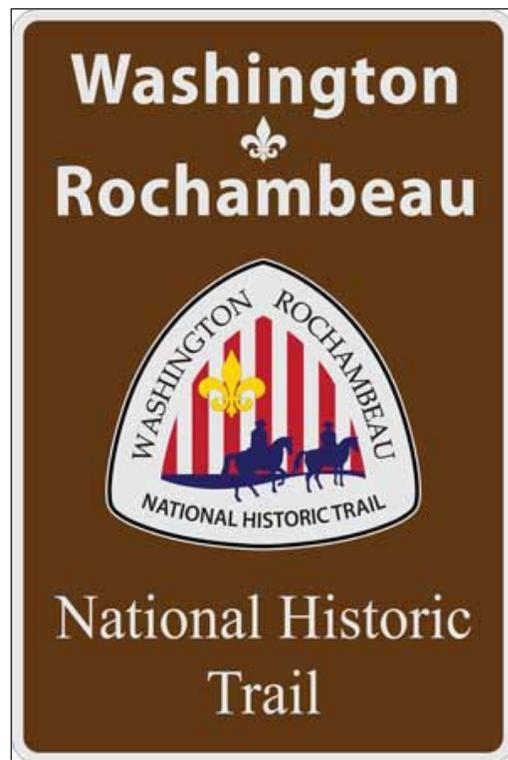
Unique Exhibit of Revolutionary War Illustrations



An exhibit of illustrations opened at the Valley Forge National Historic Park Visitor Center on February 22, 2014, which is Washington's Birthday. It will be there until April 28, and then it will be on display from June 23-August 26 at Morristown National Historic Park. *Bringing the War of Independence to Life: 19th Century Illustrations of the American Revolution* features a selection of 42 illustrations from Curt Zwickl's personal collection of 19th century Revolutionary War illustrations. Zwickl also penned a 24-page booklet as a companion piece to the exhibit. The beautifully illustrated booklet includes 20 images from the exhibit, and provides details about the artists who created the works. The book may be obtained at <http://www.schuylkillriver.org/store/pc/viewPrd.asp?idproduct=41&idcategory=2> for \$6.95.

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign...

There is much interest in "marking" the NHT and pointing out this great asset in communities along the route from Boston, Massachusetts to Virginia Beach, Virginia. As many of you know, there is clear economic benefit to tourism, preservation, conservation, recreation, trails, and parks. To download the report that includes information on spending by individual parks and by states visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/economics.cfm>. To learn more about national parks in New Jersey and how the National Park Service works with New Jersey communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to <http://www.nps.gov/state/nj/index.htm?program=all>. Union County, New Jersey is taking the initiative in marking the NHT along its county routes and in its park system. We are in the process of developing some guidelines for working with partners interested in marking the route, developing and installing way finding and wayside exhibits, entering into general agreements, providing design guidelines, and placement and use of the NHT logo. Here's a proposed road sign designed by Union County, New Jersey.



NHT Updates

Registration of the Washington-Rochambeau NHT Logo

Amanda Jones of the NPS Northeast Regional Office is helping us advance the process of getting the Washington-Rochambeau NHT's official logo listed in the Federal Register. This will help us and our partners when using the logo on signs, publications, exhibits, etc. We have many requests pending for digital files for use by partners.

Planning Ahead

Planning is 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. Building on the earlier efforts, this document will provide a base or foundation for future planning and action. Under the leadership of Allen Cooper, Chief of Planning, and Peter Iris-Williams, Planner, both with the NPS Northeast Regional Office, we are developing a draft purpose statement, significance statements, and themes. We hope to share some of the written material with you soon.

Phil Correll assembled our plan for the Northeast Region Servicewide Comprehensive Call which is a program that develops and refines our 5-year project funding forecast from 2016-2020. The project funding forecast is accompanied by a projected operating budget over the next five years. One of the immediate project needs is to update the Washington-Rochambeau NHT display now located in the Independence National Historical Park (INDE) Visitor Center at 6th and Market Streets in Philadelphia. We hope to refresh and enhance this display in cooperation with INDE and our partners.

The NPS is celebrating its centennial in 2016. The NPS' Call to Action plan offers tangible, concrete ways for us to work together to transform our organization to make sure that we are ready for a future that is so different from our past. Learn more about our mission and please join us in the stewardship of our nation's most incredible places. We need your creativity, innovation, and dedication to make these action items real. Please log on and share your ideas with us at <http://nextcenturyforparks.org/centennial/2016-national-park-service-centennial/>

Keep in mind that 2025-2034 will mark the 250th Anniversary of America's War for Independence. The NHT not only highlights an important 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.

Items of Interest

NPS: A Call to Action

The National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis 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 people about the parks, trails, sites, and resources of the National Park Service. See the plan at: <http://www.nps.gov/calltoaction/>

The Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail is working 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, and 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

Please visit the NPS website, www.nps.gov/waro to learn more about the NHT. To see the Google maps of the NHT auto route, 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>

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Rochambeau-Revolutionary-Route-National-Historic-Trail/126419804105006>

Colonial National Historical Park Climate Change and Cultural Resources Video

The latest video by the NPS Climate Change and Cultural Resources Program (CCRP) on climate change in parks has been released. Climate Change in National Parks: Culture and History on Jamestown Island addresses the relevance of unique cultural resources to climate change -- how they are affected by current change, what they reveal about ways people have responded to change in the past, and how they can inform the decisions we need to make today and in the future. The episode features Jamestown Island at Colonial NHP.

To watch the video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tm4uW02zCM>

Read about our Revolution

The American Revolution Center recently featured T. H. Breen's book, *The Marketplace of Revolution* (where he offers a look at how one city's rebellion became an entire people's war), in their latest Read the Revolution newsletter. Read the Revolution is published biweekly by the Museum of the American Revolution to inspire learning about the history of the American Revolution and its ongoing relevance.

To subscribe to Read the Revolution, visit <http://amrevmuseum.org/read-the-revolution>

To learn more about the Museum's plans for a national museum in Philadelphia that will tell the complete story of the Revolution, visit <http://timelife.americanrevolutioncenter.org/about>

For more interesting articles by noted historians, visit http://www.publicbookshelf.com/public_html/The_Great_Republic_By_the_Master_Historians_Vol_II/

Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Funding in Delaware

The Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs is now accepting disaster-relief funding applications for historic properties in the state that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties are funded under the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, a \$50.7 billion package of disaster assistance largely focused on responding to the effects of the destructive hurricane which struck the East Coast of the United States in late October 2012. The hurricane prompted major disaster declarations in the District of Columbia and 12 states, including Delaware. As part of the act, Congress appropriated \$50 million to cover the costs of preserving and/or rehabilitating historic properties damaged by the storm. Subsequently, \$1 million was allocated for Delaware's component of the program which is being administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' State Historic Preservation Office.

To be eligible for Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties, a storm-damaged property must be: listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places; owned by private individuals or organizations (excepting religious entities), local governments, or the state; and have documented damage that resulted from the effects of the storm. Repair work funded by the grants must also be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and in compliance with a number of other state and federal regulations. Already-completed projects may be eligible for funding if they meet applicable requirements. For additional information about Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants for Historic Properties in Delaware, contact the following: Gwen Davis, deputy state historic preservation officer, 302-736-7410 or gwen.davis@state.de.us; for program and grant management, Joan Larrivee, architectural historian, 302-736-7406 or joan.larrivee@state.de.us; and for National Register of Historic Places questions, Madeline Dunn, historian, 302-736-7417 or madeline.dunn@state.de.us.

Applications must be postmarked or submitted no later than March 21, 2014. Successful applicants will receive notification of their awards no later than April 21, 2014.

Go the following for complete information on Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grants, visit <http://history.delaware.gov/pdfs/sandyApplication.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Cooch's Farm, Delaware - April 5, 2014

On April 5th there will be a ceremony at Cooch's Farm in Delaware. W3R®-DE is planning the event, which includes the inauguration of a Memorial Plaque. W3R®-DE is collaborating with the Alliance Francaise de Wilmington and the Association of Teachers of French - Delaware Chapter. Veronica Meid will provide additional details soon.

Treaty of Paris Celebration, Annapolis, Maryland - April 6, 2014

On April 6th, members of W3R-US and others will be meeting in Annapolis to celebrate the signing of the 1783 Treaty of Paris. Robert Reyes, W3R®-MD, is finalizing arrangements, and he will be sending out more details.

W3R®-US Meeting, Annapolis, Maryland - April 7, 2014

On April 7th, a W3R®-US meeting will be held at the Chesapeake Bay Offices in Annapolis. An agenda and more details will soon be made available by Ursula Reed, Chair, W3R®-US.

PA Forum 2014 Philadelphia PA July 16-20, 2014

FORUM 2014 will bring together the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' biennial training program for local preservation boards and commissions with the Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Heritage/Byways to the Past, July 16-20, 2014, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Plan ahead for a fun-filled and information packed program about historic preservation planning and cultural resource management. Learn more here: <https://classic.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1239917>
<http://www.pennbyways.org/>